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To A
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At
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From
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Giving an account of the Scots affairs
in Darien.

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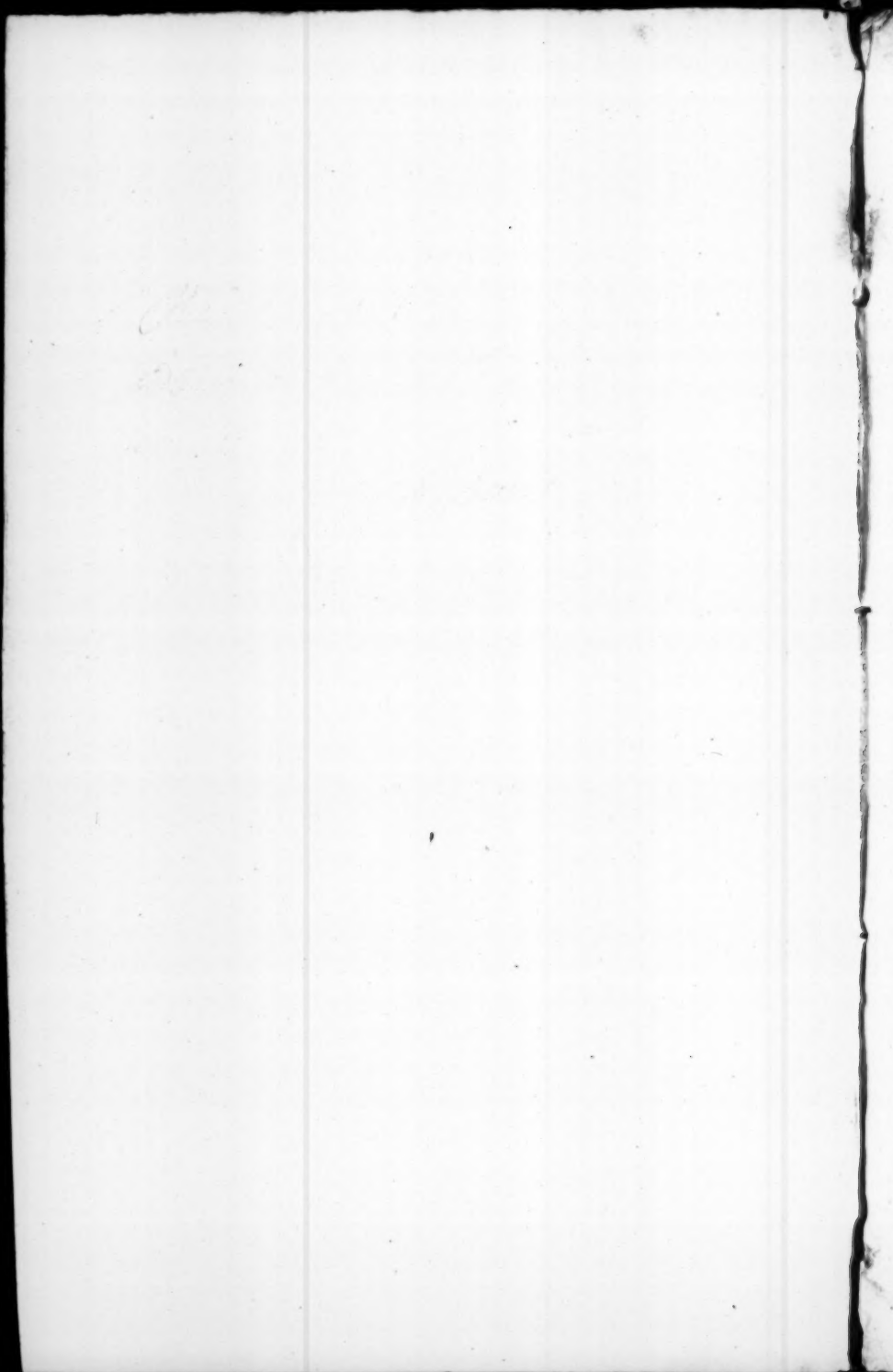
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S I R.



You are not ignorant of the clamours
 raised against me, nor of the ill usage
 I have received from the Directors
 of our Indian and African Com-
 pany, since my return from Ame-
 rica? what ever strangers may thinke of it I am
 conscious of my own Innocence, and that there
 was no other occasion given by me for these
 things, but first the making it my business to dis-
 cover the truth of these matters which concer-
 ned the Company and Colony, and then En-
 deavouring both abroad and after I came home,
 to bring to a due tryall some who had basely be-
 trayed their trust, to the Reproach of our
 Country and the prejudice of the adventurers
 in this Company.

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Unjust and malicious persons are commonly most active when one's back is turned and I am apt enough to believe that the Authours of my ill traitment will make their advantage of my absence, to renew and enlarge upon the lies and false stories, which they have impudently pam'd upon some credulous people, and finding how easily they have been beleived, they will perhaps fall to their old trade of inventing more. Wherefor to obviate such base practices, to clear my self with all honest men, and to do my best to disabuse and undeceive both the Nation in generall and the adventurers of the Company in particular, I have judg'd it necessary before I go a long and uncertain voyage, to draw up a short relation of that which pass'd after my getting aboard the *Rising sun* for old *Darien* or *New Caledonia* untill my Return home, which was owing to the speciall and singular providence of God, seeing many worthy persons embark'd with me were cast away.

I could have said more, been more plain, and detected more villanies, as the Consciences of some do certainly tell them, if they had the Ingenuity to own it. But tho I have been sufficiently provok'd yet I am willing to spare some that have been instrumentall to it, or at least I'll forbear it at this time. And tho this present account be not near so full as it might be made, yet I am perswaded that it discovers more of the truth in these

these matters, than what most either of the Nation, or even of those concerned in the company do know; for the truth herein has been industriously concealed by them who resolved to cheat the Nation and to make gain to themselves by the deluding others.

I could easily name those who will be exasperated at this Relation, and who will set themselves with all their might to traduce it. Persons are as uneasy when their crimes are touched as when their sores are searched, at both they stamp, cry out, give names, and also beat such as are near. This makes me fear that you may suffer on my account, and that my addressing this Relation to you may not prove a favour, tho it proceed from a sincere esteem for your person. But as I am perswaded that you are not afraid to stand by the truth, how much soever it be run down, so I am confident that you will not suspect me of abusing your friendship, nor think me to have acquired so brazen a face as to publish an account of the affairs of our unfortunate and ill managed Company, so contrary to what is generally said, if I had not reason for what I say, and was not sure that things are as I represent them. I desire not your patronage farther than you are convinc'd that truth and justice are on my side. You see now that I told you nothing in private, but that which I dare averr before all the world. And that my Ingenuity and honesty

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may clearly appear to all, I will make my account bear its own evidence, and will so order it that there shall be but little occasion for debating how far my credit and authority is to be trusted.

I was none of the last nor the least subscribers, in the companys books for raising the joint stock of the company, I have also been a member of the Conncill generall of the company for more years then one, so that I have had occasion while at home of knowing as Much as was thought fit, to be communicated to the Councill, and by being abroad a great deale, more: for it appears by some letters subjoined to this, that persons were employed to blind the rest of the world, and to keep them in ignorance of what was either designed or practised.

The reason why I came to a resolution of going to America, was truly, Because all the accounts I heard of the Colony were most favourable and told With a great deale of confidence. I was a Councillour in the yeare 1699. And got the Court of Directors declaration there of, that in pursuance of the constitutions of the Colony I might when I pleased Sitt and Vote in the Councill of the Colonie. I'm sure there is none of the companys Directors will say that I sought any post from them.

I gave them a Memorial in Writing telling them of my design of going abroad and desiring the
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the above certificat Which can yet be Seen in the Secretaries hands. I went not West to Glasgow till 18 of August. Nor till then did I know of the Directors having pitched on me, As a counsellour during the voyage : for my name was put in the commission, together With Major Lyndsay, Captain Gibson and Mr. Vetch Counsellours during the voyage, With full power and Authority. Which commission, was to become voyd and of None effect, And the sole power to be devolved on the Councill of the Colonie, from and after our arryvall in Caledonia harbour. The commission and instructions relative to it, are dated 17 August. The instructions, Are all given, On supposition, that we should have found our Colonie at their settlement, which we did not, And so we had no other rule for directing us Then our own discretion and iudgement. And as I believe some others sincerely advised what they thought best, so I can declare for my self that I had no other aime but the good of the Company and Colony in which I was deeply concerned, and that according to my weak capacity I counselled and urged the things which appear'd proper, and necessary, fair and honest.

I know it was talked that we sailed from Clyde after we were countermanded, Which is no small part of the supposed Maleversation. But that you may see how unjust the charge is, I will

lay before you a copie of the letter which is alledged to contain the countermand, and the subscribers will not deny its being faithfully copied, if they or any else should, the Originall lyes in the office of the Company's Secretary, and I have his receipt for it, by order of the Court of Directors. It is as follows

To the Councill on board the Rising Sun,

Greenock 22. Septer. 1699.

GENTLEMEN.

„ **W**E had an exprefs from the Court of
 „ Directors on Wednesday night, sig-
 „ nifying that Mr. Daniell Mackay is to go
 „ along with you, and therefor desire you may
 „ stay while he come though the wind should
 „ prove favourable, he will be at Glasgow this
 „ night.

„ We are lykewise advised of a story made
 „ and propogated in England, viz that the Scots
 „ have deserted their Colony of Caledonia for
 „ fear of the Spaniards at Carthagena, an enemy
 „ that takes much tyme befor they be ready to
 „ make any attacque, and of whom we never
 „ heard that our people were affrayd. The story
 „ is altogether Malicious and false, and is contri-
 „ ved on purpose to discourage people to go to
 „ our Colony with provisions and since they
 „ find

at Edinburgh.

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„ find their Proclamations in the West-Indies,
„ and all their other Methods against us have not
„ had their designed effect.

„ We are certainly informed the story is con-
„ tryved by Mr. Vernon, one of the Secretaries
„ of England, who also gave the order to Sir Paull
„ Ricaut, about the Hamburgh Memoriall, and
„ to the Governours of the plantations to prohi-
„ bite all commerce and correspondence betwixt
„ the Colony and them, and whom the world
„ now knows to be our good Friend. Mackay
„ laughs at the story, but though there be no-
„ thing in it we think it fitt to keep it to your
„ selves till you see Mr. Mackay, whom we hope
„ will be with you to morrow night. Sir John.
„ Schaw sent a lyne exprefs to you Yesternight
„ desiring you to send your long-boat, for some
„ provisions that are here. But since there is no
„ wind we conclude she cannot come, and have
„ now sent the boats with bread and ryce, and
„ the remainder of the meale that was lying here,
„ which we think you will find Roome for. The
„ quantity of bread you are to give receipt for,
„ William Mc-Donald is recovered, and comes
„ in one of the boats, we are

Gentlemen your &c.

Signed by Sir John Schaw of Greenock
John Grahame Yor. of Dougalston and Wil-
liam Woodrope Mercht in Glasgow Three of
the directors of the Company.

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If this letter contain any countermand of our sailing from the Court of Directors let any Indifferent person judge. Our commission was from the Court, and none but the Court could countermand what they ordered. But they who contend that this letter was a countermand from the court, are so wise as to doe it only with such as know not what was in the letter, and to those any thing may be said of a letter they never saw. The subscribers of the letter had advice from the Court of Directors that Mackay was to go with us, and therefor (*they*) desyre, and if not, *they*, no body, for the letter is non sense, if the subscribers meant otherways. He must be very quick sighted, and must see further into a Milnston than another, who can convince himself or others that this letter told us ought of new orders to come with Mackay, in relation to the desertion, which they so much mock, and that as one would think, on good ground, for they tell us, who made and propagated the story, though we can now see, that their information has either been very bad, or their ingenuity very small. However we were fools for not finding out, that a story which they so much mocked required our disobeying former orders. The letter which we wrote to the Court of Directors on 24. Septemb. when we were got under sail, acknowledged the receipt of that from these Gentlemen of Glasgow, and we therein told
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what we thought of the matter so confidently asserted therein, and that we had left the *Hope*, Captain Miller commander to wait for Mackay who stayed longer than we were advised He was to stay, but the copy of this letter, was unjustly taken from me. I intend to run thro the most material occurrences of our voyage, which no doubt will give you and others that are curious some satisfaction.

Having sailed from clyde on 24. September, on 9. November we came in sight of the Islands of Antego, Monferat, &c. and by order of the other Councillours on board the *Ryfsingfun*. I was sent by the Long-boat to Monferat, with a letter to the Court of Directors, of which I was ordered to send copies by two Conveyances. I only landed on the 9. at night and on the 10. ere, I went on board again, I added a post-script to the Councils letter, and the letter and post-script were according to the following copies.

The Letter.

RIGHT HONOURABLE.

„ **W**E wrote you on 24. September. which-
 „ day we sailed from the Bay of Rothsay
 „ in the Island of Boote, and since then, our
 „ passage has been very favourable both wind
 „ and weather concurring, and the recovery of
 „ our sick men animating us beyond expression,
 „ we have no occasion of delaying the prosecu-
 „ ting

„ting of our voyage, and therefor we have sent
 „one of our Number James Byres a shoar, for
 „finding a convenient conveyance for this our
 „letter under cover to Mr. James Fowls of
 „London.

„Our dead and sick men are very farr short of
 „what may be thought agreeable to so long a
 „voyage, we shall send a particular account of
 „them from New Edinburgh when it shal
 „please God, we arryve there in safety.

„If ought worth advising occur to James Byres
 „on the Island he will add a post-script. Meane-
 „time commending all the affairs of the compa-
 „ny, and your Honrs to the care and protection
 „of Almighty God we are with all due respect.

RIGHT HONO.

*For the Right Honble
 The Court of Directors of
 The Indian and African
 Company of Scotland, at
 Edinburgh.*

Your most humble
 and obedient servants
 J.B: W. V: J. G. J. L.

Follows the post-script.

*Plymouth in the Island of Monferat 10. No-
 vemb. 1699.*

RIGHT HONOBLE.

„**R** Eferring to what is on the other side. This
 „shall only advise that Yesternight late, I
 „came

„came here, in our long-boat , And this mor-
„ning J together with Some gentlemen
„who came a shoar with me waited upon the
„Governour, From whom (for Tryals Sake)
„I asked liberty of taking wood [and water on
„board. And he told me , After perusing his
„orders from the Government of England, in
„presence of us all, that he could not allow wood
„water or other conveniencies. But that we be-
„hoved to go as we came, so it is good we need
„nothing to carry us on our way.

„The Ill-grounded reports of our Colonies
„having deserted their Settlement, merely for
„want of provisions are very thick here, And re-
„ported in as many different shapes, as there are
„people to report, not so much, as any two a-
„greeing on the tyme or other circumstances
„and not one giving a consistent account of his
„author. Some saying, they had the news from
„New-England. Others from Petit-guavis in
„Hispaniola, whither (they say) all the Colonie
„are gone for relief.

„However all agree in this, that there is no
„prejudice done the Colonie, by forreigne force.
„But on the contrary, in two severall engage-
„ments, our Colonie acting defensively did de-
„feat the Spaniards. For my own part, I have
„not the least apprehension that what is talked to
„our Colonies prejudice is true, the reason of
„desertion assigned, being false, and their shel-
„tering

„tering place so ill chosen. But be as it will, we
 „shall see ere we beleive, and either *knit* on the
 „old *thrum*, or begin a *New Web*, and I am per-
 „suaded, all on board, will doe their outmost
 „endeavours to mantain, the honour of our na-
 „tion, and interest of the Company, wherein
 „none shall more readily concurr then.

R. H.

*Your most humble
 Servt.*

J. B.

„Since writing what is above we have just now
 „spoke with one who is just now come in a floope
 „From Petit-guavis, and by him are infor-
 „med, that the above reports are false and Mali-
 „cious, and that our Colonie still keep their Set-
 „tlement in peace.

„We are just now to get a board again.

Adieu.

On 30. November all our four ships got safe-
 ly into the Bay of Caledonia, and because the
 letters which the Councill sent home to the Court
 of Directors, contain the most remarkable oc-
 currences and Transactions, I shall here insert a
 copie of our first letter, which was dated 23. De-
 cember and sent to Jamaica, by *William Gellie*,
 and *Andrew Caldwell*, to be by them forwarded

at Edinburgh.

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to Scotland, which letter came safely to the Court of Directors and was as Follows.

Caledonia-Bay, 23. Decemb. 1699.

RIGHT HONOURABLE.

„ **O** Ur last to you was of 9. Ult. off Mon-
„ serat, and James Byres with whom we
„ sent the letter a shoar, wrote you concerning
„ the reports current in that Island, a copie of
„ both which letters is here inclosed.

„ On 30. Ult. All our four ships got in safely
„ to this Bay, where we were heartily sorry to find
„ the bad News James Byres got at Monserat
„ confirmed, though as he observed the cause of
„ desertion be really false, and the sheltering place
„ different from what they said, as you'le perceive
„ by the subsequent part of this letter. On our ar-
„ ryvall we found all the hutts with in fort St.
„ Andrew, (and without there were never any
„ built) burnt down to the ground, and the prin-
„ cipall battery of the fort which guarded the en-
„ trance of the bay quyte demolished, and where
„ as there were full accounts given of the Colonies
„ having cut all the wood, on the neck of the
„ Isthmus, we found no such thing, but on the
„ contrary, on the side within the Bay unpervia-
„ ble Mon graves and Mossie ground, and on the
„ side without the Bay inaccessible rocks, and
„ the

„ the middle way Mountainous and full of trees
„ where of there are not six cut.

„ We found Captain Thomas Drummond
„ who told us that eight days ere we arrived,
„ he was here in a sloop from New York,
„ with goods and instruments conform to the
„ inclosed account, for resettling the Colony
„ with us. He said all the first Colony were
„ honest men, and never left the Colony till
„ they wanted provisions to that degree, that
„ very good Gentlemen Among them, sold the
„ shirts off their backs to the Natives for plan-
„ tains &c. and yet little or nothing of the trading
„ stock sent by the company was disposed off.
„ That he himself was the only man in the Coun-
„ cill had health, for overseeing the loading
„ of the ships, when the Colony deserted, as
„ said is, and yet he neither knows what Num-
„ ber of men were carried off nor what goods he
„ himself caused load a board. Only he is sure all
„ was equally divided among the three big ships,
„ the *Caledonia*, *Unicorne*, and *St. Andrew*. He
„ further addes, that the said three ships together
„ with the *Endeavour Pink*, set sail from this
„ on the twentieth of june last, but how these
„ ships, were navigated, should be a great
„ mysterie, were all true he says, for he tells
„ us that their men dyed and were sick to that
„ hight, that the living were not able to bury
„ the dead, and that they had not six men for guard
„ and

„ and Centinels, that all manner of distempers,
 „ such as head and Belly Aches, fevers, fluxes &c.
 „ raged among their men, but all this Notwith-
 „ standing, the place was very Wholefome. That
 „ all the four ships, were bound for New-York,
 „ but the *Endeavour Pink* proving lake at sea,
 „ sunk after unloading the men and provisions
 „ on board. And the *St. Andrew* went for *Jamai-*
 „ *ca*, under the command of *Captain Pennycooke*
 „ who being dead, *Captain Coline Campbell* an
 „ assumed Councillour, has the full Management
 „ there, And at *New-York* *Captain Samuel Vetch*,
 „ *William Paterfson*, And the said *Capt. Drummond*
 „ himself had the full Management, of all on board
 „ the *Caledonia*, and *Unicorne*. He the said *Cap-*
 „ *tain Thomas Drummond* gave us full assurance
 „ that provisions could be had in as Much abun-
 „ dance, as we pleased from New-York, And
 „ the fund of credit he proposed, was his word
 „ of honour, together with a paper called cre-
 „ dentials by *Captain Samuel Vetch* and *William*
 „ *Paterfson* in his favours, whereof and of a
 „ letter written by the said *Captain Samuel* to
 „ *Captain William Vetch* his brother, you have
 „ the inclosed copies. *Drummond* lykewise told us,
 „ that he now reckoned all things very right, the
 „ Colony resettled, and that we could take *Porto*
 „ *bell* if we pleased. For the first six days he said, he
 „ had no letters at all for the Councill, nor pa-
 „ pers concerning the Colony, but afterwards

„produced a confused heap of the Councill and
 „Parliaments Minuts. Whereby we understood,
 „the Want of provisions to be a made story, And
 „that it was very probable, Both *Jolly* and *Mont-*
 „*gomrie* knew and discovered not the base design
 „of carrying away the *St. Andrew*, Albeit
 „*Captain Drummond* said, there was never the least
 „Misunderstanding among the Councillours.

„A few days after we got these Minutes, we
 „understood by the Matter of an English sloop
 „that *Captain Drummond* got letters for the
 „Council, at the Island of *St. Thomas*, which
 „when questiônd on, he confessed, and produ-
 „ced Mr. Mackay's letter from Boston dated 3. of
 „July. Which in reason could not be thought to
 „come sooner here then the Middle or end of Au-
 „gust, And yet there is not the least suspicion of
 „the want or scarcity of provisions or extraordi-
 „nary Mortality, so Much as suggested, besides
 „we have seen, *Mackay's* letters from Edin-
 „burgh, after he had discoursed with your ho-
 „nours, And understood the recruit and provi-
 „sions on board this fleet, which he does not com-
 „plaine of as unsuitable, Albeit according to
 „*Captain Drummond*, every thing sent was usc-
 „les and all things needfull omitted.

„Now to give you our own thoughts of this
 „account we have from *Captain Drummond*, there
 „is good ground to believe, that the generality
 „of those concerned in the Management of the
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„ Colonies affairs, have been engaged in a bad design, Which to the disgrace of our Nation, and reproach of humanity, they have got too far effected. The account given is so inconsistent with its self, and seperately taken, with right reason and common sense, that no body except fools and interested knaves can believe one word of it, and we are afraid that little or Nothing be ever got of the Company's effects in those mens hands, though none of our endeavours shall be wanting.

„ On 4th and 5th. Current we called general Meetings of all our land and sea Captains, and other representatives of the Companies which wanted Captains; and what past at these meetings, will be best understood by your honours, when you peruse and consider the inclosed Minutes exactly copied off the Originalls. Only we must tell you that Albeit by the *vidimus* of provisions, then made up at Random, there seemed to be a sufficient stock, at the rate then considered on, and since past into a bill of fare, for six Moneths meale and four Moneths brandy, Yet we have just reason to fear, that neither shall much exceed the one half of what they were reckoned, besides there is an absolute Necessity that the dayly allowance be augmented.

„ We have ever since the holding of these two general Meetings, been using our best endeavours

„vours for effectuating what was then resolved
 „on, by clearing the ground Within the Fort,
 „and cutting wood for building Huts, that when
 „the men and provisions are got a shoar, the
 „two flyboats may be put in condition to profe-
 „cute their voyage to Jamaica, with all the men
 „supernumerary to five hundred, but in this
 „the malice and ill designs of some people here
 „have proven great hindrances.

„A great many of the Members of the generall
 „Meetings were of opinion, that *Captain Vetches*
 „letter and *Drummonds* word of honour,
 „were sufficient Funds of Credit, where on pro-
 „visions might be got, for subsisting all our men,
 „though there be not the least Credit given by
 „the Correspondents they Mention: however the
 „propofall, was too barefaced a design of ob-
 „liging us to trace, through Necessity, the
 „footsteps marked out by our predecessors With-
 „out any necessity, and therefor was rejected.
 „*Captain Drummond* did on 15 Current send us
 „by *Robert Turnbull* his Liuetenant a letter, where
 „of the copie is inclosed. We desired to be sa-
 „tisfied anent his designs with the men he cra-
 „ved, but for that he begged pardon, and when
 „we asked what security he would give for the
 „Arms Ammunition provisions &c. And that
 „the men should not be burdensome to the Co-
 „lonie, he told that was questioning his word As
 „we did at the beginning; so we delayed the gi-
 „ving

„ving any Answer to his propotals. Mean-
 „time the reasonableness of them, was industri-
 „ously urged among the officers and planters, so
 „farr, that they began to talk of using violence
 „for getting *Drummonds* design effectuated, and
 „Our company's trusty friend *Alexr. Hamilton*
 „carried a copie of the propotals written with his
 „own hand still about him. We thought it high
 „time to enquire into the originall of this affair,
 „being informed of a villanous plot of Seizing
 „the ships and stores, and Murdering our selves.
 „And to that purpose having taken into custo-
 „die, *Alexr. Campbell* in *Captain Campbells* Com-
 „pany, who was delated by an honest gentle-
 „man, whom he was endeavouring to seduce, we
 „made a lybell against him, and called a Coun-
 „cill of warr on him, by whom he was found guil-
 „ty and condemned to be hanged and the sen-
 „tence was accordingly executed. The Copies
 „of the Lybell, process and sentence are
 „inclosed. We always fancied that the ras-
 „call expected releiffe to the last minute, when
 „he said, *the Lord forgive them who brought me on*
 „*this lock* and so Jumped off. We have lame and
 „partiall proofes against severall others, but not
 „so legall as they should be, so we must have pa-
 „tience. *Captain Thomas Ker* and *Drummond*, are
 „in custody together with *Ensigne Spark* and
 „*Liuetenant Logan*. what the event shall be we
 „know not, we observe that albeit *Captain*
 „*Drummond* and his associats pressed the bill of

„fare, now ordered At the generall meetings ,
 „conform to the copy thereof at the end of
 „*Drummonds* propofas , yet all we have disco-
 „vered as any way concerned in the conspiracie,
 „found a great deale of the difpleasure they ob-
 „ferve among the planters (for they themfelves are
 „innocent if we will believe them) upon the fhort
 „nes of the allowance: they alfo endeavour to
 „propagat a design of our faving the victuals
 „for privat advantage, and felling the men to be
 „fent to *Jamaica*.

„ We have bought the Englifh floope and car-
 „go, and given bills for the value being l. 90:09:
 „current money of New England viz: 6 ſp ps $\frac{1}{2}$
 „on Mefſrs. *John Borelane* and *Maxwell* of *Boflon*
 „Our bills are payable $\frac{1}{4}$ to *William fulton*, and $\frac{1}{4}$
 „to *John Porterfeild*, and at the ſame time for
 „theſe Gentlemens reimbursement, we have
 „drawn on *Andrew Cockburn* your *Casheir* pay-
 „ble at $\frac{1}{m}$ ſight in *London* at the houſe of *Mr. Ja-*
 „*mes fowls* at the current exchange. So we are
 „perſuaded you'll honour our draughts, ſeeing
 „you'll no doubt be convinced, that at leaſt our
 „meaning is good, and our intentions honeſt,
 „which in the ſight of God we can averr to be
 „no other, than that the ſettlement ſhould be
 „keept here, till your Honours Notifie to us your
 „pleaſure; and what ever orders we get, ſhall
 „be ſacredly obeyed. We queſtion not but
 „ſome veſſell or other is on her way from you,
 „with orders to enquire after the companys ef-
 „fects

„fects and learn the originall of the Mischiefe.
 „But if in this we be mistaken, till necessity force
 „our abandoning the settlement, we shall God
 „willing keep possession, though our discour-
 „agements be great.

„In respect we are informed, that the owners
 „of the sloop and cargo had some conference
 „at *New-York* with the Councillours of the Co-
 „lony, and that we suspect under hand deal-
 „ing, we have advised *Borelan* and *Maxwell*
 „ere they accept to enquire as Much as possible
 „into the matter, that in case any previous securi-
 „ty be given, the Havers of the bills may take
 „themselvs thereto, and in case that be not got
 „so understood as to stop the acceptance of our
 „bills, we have sent the Acceptants first and 2d
 „bills on *Captain Samuell Vetch* and *William Pa-*
 „*terson*, or any other Intromettors with the
 „colonies effects, together with a letter of ad-
 „vice open under cover to them, wherein ac-
 „cording to *Captain Vetches* desire to his Bro-
 „ther, for sending of bills for l. 2000, (though
 „we understand not what is thereby meant) we
 „have desired them to pay our said bill for *Bore-*
 „*lan* and *Maxwell* their reimbursement of the l.
 „990:09 drawn on them, and to send us provi-
 „sions and working Tooills to as great a
 „a value, as they can per first, with a full ac-
 „count of their intromissions and depursements.
 „And we have desired *Borlane* and *Maxwell* if

„ they be reimbursed by our bills on *Vetch* and
 „ *Paterfon* as above, to return us our draughts on
 „ your *Cashier* and advise you per first, that
 „ they are not to be used by them. We have
 „ lykewise given commission to the said *Borelan*
 „ and *Maxwell* to looke after the concerns of the
 „ Colony, and companys effects, and take the In-
 „ tromettors whomsoever bound with sufficient
 „ caution, to hold just count and reckoning to
 „ your honours or whom you shall appoint, to
 „ call them to account, or els to get them im-
 „ prisoned, and this is all we can doe at such a
 „ distance.

„ We are in hopes of getting occasion for *Ja-*
 „ *maica* in a few days, by a small English sloop
 „ presently in this Bay, by which we intend to
 „ send *William Gellie* and *Andrew Caldvals*, that
 „ they may dispatch our letters to a friend at *Lon-*
 „ *don*, and enquire concerning the effects on board
 „ the *St. Andrew* and *starks* ship, and what be-
 „ came of the men. As also to be learning the pro-
 „ perest and most frugall way, of disposing on
 „ those we mind to send thither, so as they may (if
 „ possible) be still at a call for the Colonies servi-
 „ ce, when they shall be in 'condition to subsist
 „ them. We have recommended them to *Dr.*
 „ *John Blair* Phisician in *Portroyall*, who as we
 „ hear is a friend to our company, and with
 „ whom the colony had dealing formerly, we
 „ have written him at length, with the same

„ or:

„orders and instructions , as we have given to
„*Borelan* and *Maxwell* of *Boston*.

„In a little time when things are better settled,
„one of our own number shall be dispatched to
„*Jamaica*, that nothing in our power may be
„wanting , toward the retrieving , it possible ,
„the honour of our country and interest of the
„company.

„*Lieutenant Oliphant* who came by *Jamesons* ship
„(where of we saw the wreck in the bay) toge-
„ther with six other Gentlemen, have stayd here-
„abouts among the natives , ever since they ar-
„rived , and they gave us account that the said
„ship was burned together with all the provi-
„sions &c. on board except a few Hogsheads
„of meale , through the inadvertencie of the
„cooper drawing brandy with a candle which
„kindled, so as , it could not be got extin-
„guished.

„Nine villains run away with our eight oare-
„boat in the night tyme. When the Coxan
„and most of the Crew were on the watch ,
„whether or not they were encouraged by our
„plotters so to doe , we cannot tell, only t'is
„hard otherwise to give account of their de-
„sign. None of them are yet returned , albeit
„it be fourteen days since they deserted.

„We shall be loath to conclude that your
„Hors: will judge our sailing from *Boot*, contra-
„ry to orders , or that the *Directors* at *Glasgow*

„will alledge the same. However being at a
 „loss through our absence, in case any such
 „thing should be alledged or believed, we
 „have for our own vindication sent you a co-
 „pie of the letter we had from these Gentle-
 „men of *Glasgow*. You know our commission
 „was from a Court with orders to sail per
 „first: which orders, could only be counter-
 „manded by the same authority whence they
 „flowed, mean time any reasonable man
 „May judge, how far even these Gentlemen
 „themselvs countermanded us, and we *ex su-*
 „*perabundanti* obeyed them by staying longer
 „then they desired.

„As to this place of settlement, 'tis so far
 „as we have yet seen Mountanous and full of
 „trees, where of we know but few fitt for
 „use, and of *Nicarago* or *Logwood* we have
 „seen none. The soyle is extraordinary deep
 „and rich, and there are minerals here but of
 „what sort we cannot tell. We found one
 „lyke silver, which *Mr. Kyll* the Refyner calls
 „copper after tryall, we reckon the cost of
 „digging for it, and hewing it out of a hard
 „rock, would be more then any profit arry-
 „sing from it. That which was called gold
 „dust, is indeed very thick here, particulary at
 „our watering place, in and about the water,
 „but it proves really nothing at all but slymie
 „stuffe verifying the Proverbe, 'TIS NOT
 „ALL

„ALL GOLD THAT GLITTERS. A
„mong the natives we found nothing of gold,
„or silver, save a few nose jewells such as you
„have seen, and scarcely among them all, have
„we yet seen so much as an ounce of gold
„in Mass or Lignet, which they get from the
„Spaniards, but of the dust oar, not one grain.
„And where as there were ample accounts
„given of the natives being at war with the Spaniards,
„and that they were our fast freinds;
„we find two of their Captains Viz. *Pedro* and
„*Augustine*, with silver headed staves as Spanish
„Captains: Willing Notwithstanding, to goe
„with us and plunder the Spaniards, as no
„doubt they would doe us, if the Spaniards
„would help them, but really to doe either,
„they would need great help, for they are
„people of a low stature, and weake-lyke,
„and a scots *Granadeer* would find no hard
„work to defeat ten of them. Meantime the
„place at first-settlement, by our Colonie, was
„and yet continues to be unpossessed by the
„Spaniards or other Europeans, and we are
„wellcome enough to the natives, so that our
„right cannot be questioned. We are in no
„great fear that an Army of Spaniards or others
„(who march toward us by land from any place
„where there is a sufficient number) can af-
„ter their March be in condition to harme us,
„and by sea were our forts and batteries which
are

„ are quyte demolished rebuilt and well planted.
„ there would be no great fear of invasión , for
„ the bay is good and very defensible. But we
„ have litle hopes of getting ought done,till we
„ get working instruments.
„ The place by its situation in this part of the
„ world is fitt for commerce , and if money be
„ bestowed , honest men imployed , and good
„ measures followed, a firme settlement may
„ be made, so that strangers may promise them-
„ selvs safety here. But on planting and improv-
„ ment, no great streſs can be laid, for rein-
„ burying the Adventurers, unles Negros be
„ procured, white men being unfitt for that
„ work, more costly in their mantainance, and so
„ only fitt for defending the settlement , and o-
„ verſeeing the work, so that all things condu-
„ cive to the settlement of a *staple-port* must be
„ now thought on, and provisions, Ammunition,
„ working instruments &c. sent per first, O-
„ therwise 'twill be impossible to doe good here.
„ We thought our selvs oblidge'd in con-
„ science to give this true and plain account of
„ things, and our own sentiments , that you
„ may have fair occasion of considering how
„ farr 'twill be the interest of the company, and
„ honour of the nation, to prosecute the design
„ of settling here , and the rather because,
„ we are not unsensible , how much the whole
„ nation has been abused by sneaking and disin-
genuous

„ genuous accounts of things, quite contrary to
„ what is obviousto any indifferent persons. We
„ neither doe nor shall grudge the company any
„ service we are capable to performe, till your
„ answer come If so be we can subsist till then.
„ But you know *Captain Gibson* and *James Byres*,
„ were to ly under no obligation of concerning
„ themselfs in the Goverment here, and *Ma-*
„ *jor John Lyndsay* came only as your Honours
„ Trustee, for which post as matters now
„ stand there's no great occasion, and *Captain*
„ *Vetch* arriving not till after the desertion of the
„ Colony, for which he was chosen a Coun-
„ cellour, thinks not himself oblidge to exert
„ as such. Meantyme we shall not disgrace
„ fully lay down the batton so providentially
„ put in our hands. Only with your answer,
„ let some of your own Number or such other
„ persons as you'll please to appoint, come here
„ with full instructions, and the charge we
„ have, shall be honestly and chearefully delive-
„ red up to them, and full satisfaction given, that
„ we have in every step so behaved our selves, as
„ if all the adventure had been for our own ac-
„ count.

„ All the Stewards on board this ship have
„ proved knaves. and we are vexed beyond mea-
„ sure, with hearing judging and punishing
„ them, and other Rascalls, of which kynd
„ there was never a greater collection among so
tew

„ few men, Our time is so spent with such unea-
 „ sie work, that all buſſines of consequence is
 „ retarded.

„ He of our number whom we send to *Ja-*
 „ *maica*, shall have with him another copie of
 „ this letter and of all the papers inclosed to be
 „ be forwarded to your Honours, least this
 „ should Miscarrie.

„ The list of our dead on board the several ships
 „ is inclosed, there will be much occasion for
 „ one to supply *Captain Wallaces* roome as Enge-
 „ neer, he indeed was a pretty well accomplished
 „ Gentleman, but *Captain Ker*, who is in cus-
 „ tody as we have said, will not be a fitt man
 „ for doing buſſines here though he had skill,
 „ and we intend to be quitt of him.

„ Now to conclude this long melancholie let-
 „ ter, in case we have omitted ought, the best
 „ way to understand that, is to read over what
 „ was formerly written, and judge the truth to
 „ ly on the other side.

„ We need not urge the necessity of being sup-
 „ plied, in case you intend the continuance of
 „ the Colony, and (whether or not) our hearing
 „ from you, with such orders, as you shall be
 „ pleased to give.

R. H.

Your most humble and Obedient Servants.

Subt. J. B : W. V : J. G : J. L.

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C O P Y of

Minuts of a Generall Meeting of the Land and
sea Officers of the fleet in *Caledonia-Bay*, on
board the *Rising-Sun*. 4. December 1699.

Captain James Gibson chosen *Præses*.

” **T**He state of provisions on board the fleet
” being enquired into according to the se-
” verall Invoices, the same were found sufficient
” to subsist at short allowance, all the men on
” board the fleet, for the space of six months,
” save only, as to the Brandy, which at the rate
” of one gill to three men per *diem*, was only
” found sufficient for four months; and all this
” depends upon the provisions answering the in-
” voices and ships stewarts accounts, and our
” purchasing the cargo of an English sloop
” presently in this bay, and receiving from *Cap-*
” *tain Drummond* what he has on board his sloop
” where in he came from *New-York* (Both
” these sloop’s cargoes being concluded in the a-
” bove computation of six months subsistence)
” There after some debate arising from the
” consideration of the unsufficiencie and short
” coming of the provisions loaded for the first
” expedition, whether or not without rum-
” aging the ships, there could be any satisfaction
of

„ of the present provisions Answering their In-
 „ voices, It was thought reasonable to call A-
 „ lexr. Hamiltonn, whom the Colony sent to Scot-
 „ land, for seeing their provisions and other
 „ goods, fairly loaded, who compearing de-
 „ clared, that he saw none of the provisions
 „ which came from *Ireland*, but the most part of
 „ the bread and flowr bought in *Scotland*, and
 „ the reason why he saw not all the provisions,
 „ was because he was obliged to attend the
 „ Court of Directors.

„ Captain *Thomas Drummond* one of the Coun-
 „ cellours assumed by the Colony being present at
 „ this meeting, was interrogated concerning
 „ what *Credentials* he brought from the other
 „ Councillours at *New-York*, and he produced
 „ letters sealed with the Colonies seal and
 „ signed by two of the assumed Councillours,
 „ *William Paterfon* and *Captain Samuel Vetch*,
 „ whereby all concerned are ordered to give the
 „ said *Captain Drummond* full credit, likewise
 „ *Captain William Vetch*, (who at the begin-
 „ ning was chosen a Councillour for the Colo-
 „ ny and came on board this ship) produced a
 „ letter from the said *Captain Samuel Vetch* da-
 „ ted at *New-York* 20. September last, which
 „ letter with the above *credentials* were produ-
 „ ced to be copied and lyⁱⁿ *reientis*, and there
 „ being a paragraph in the fore said letter in
 „ these words *If you resettle the place faill not to*
 send

„ send by the first a bill of at least, two Thousand
 „ pounds drawn in Thomas Winhame, and Stephen
 „ D'lancies name and addressed to me for a fund,
 „ for what you may need from hence, for it is from
 „ hence you must be supported. And the said Cap-
 „ tain Drummond in virtue of his said creden-
 „ tials assuring this meeting, that bills drawn
 „ in the terms of the accounts of the Court
 „ of directors for a credit to the Colony
 „ would be sufficient, for procuring provi-
 „ sions at New-York, and it being alledged on
 „ the other side that there were not four
 „ councillours here for drawing bills, and that
 „ albeit there were. (The whole Colony having
 „ deserted their settlement,) the same would
 „ find no credit in any place of the world.
 „ The vote was stated whether this meeting
 „ judged the credit proposed valid and effec-
 „ tuall, or not, and was carried in the ne-
 „ gative.

„ There being a motion made whether or
 „ not the said Captain Thomas Drummond should
 „ be allowed to sit and vote in this meeting,
 „ it was carried by vote, in the affirmative
 „ Captain Vetch refusing to vote in this matter,
 „ because of alledged incompetencie, desired
 „ the same might be minuted which was Un-
 „ animously granted. The said Captain Vetch also
 „ proposed that the said James Byres, one of
 „ the councillours for the company, Captain

„ *Thomas Drummond* and *himself*, should as
 „ counsellours take upon themselves the full
 „ Government, to which the said *James Byres*
 „ Answered that the Colony for which *Drum-*
 „ *mond* and *Vetch* were chosen counsellours,
 „ having entirely deserted the settlement, he
 „ was of opinion, that none of their commis-
 „ sions as counsellours did subsist or was valid,
 „ and consequently, that there was no coun-
 „ cellour here but himself, seeing his commis-
 „ sion depended not either upon the settlement
 „ or desertion of the Colony, and there for the
 „ charge being to great, he refused, albeit
 „ they were consenting (as they are not) to
 „ accept of a sole counsellourship and much
 „ more to act in conjunction with those
 „ he reckoned no counsellours, and so adhe-
 „ red to the commission granted by the Court of
 „ directors, in favours of *Captain William Vetch*
 „ *Captain James Gibson*, *Major John Lindsay*
 „ and *himself*, in respect the same, was not to
 „ be voyd and null otherways, then in favours
 „ of the councill of *Caledonia* which was not
 „ found extant, and this adherence to the
 „ forsaide commission, he the said *James Byres*
 „ was joined by the said *Captain Gibson* and
 „ *Major Lindsay*. It being proposed that a new
 „ settlement should be made here and put to
 „ the vote, the same was carried, *Nemine con-*
 „ *tradicente.*

„ There

„ There after it being voted how many
 „ should settle here in all, both of land and sea
 „ men, it was carried that five hundred should
 „ settle, and then the *prases* ordered all pre-
 „ sent to signe *these minuts* with himself, and
 „ adjourned till to morrow, at eight of the
 „ clock in the morning when all present are
 „ desired to be here in this ship.

Signed. James Gibson *Prases*, James Byres,
 Will: Vetch, John Lindsay, Tho: Drum-
 mond, Mu: Murray, John. Murray, Fran-
 cis Balfour, Jo: Ramsay, John Baillie, Ja-
 mes Miller, Tho: Ker, Alexand: Mont-
 gomrie, Colin Campbell, Ja: Urquhart,
 Thomas Mackintosh, Robbert Hay,
 Walter Duncan, William Daling

Follows the Minuts of the said Generall. Meeting.

„ **O**N the fifth day of Decemb. 1699. at
 „ eight in the morning, at a meeting
 „ of the councill, land and sea Captains, and
 „ representatives of companys, *Captain James*
 „ *Gibson* chosen *prases*. The minuts of the last
 „ *sederunt* read the question being put to what
 „ place the men on board this fleet supernu-
 „ merary to the five hundred who are to settle,
 „ should be carried, it was voted that they
 „ should be sent to *Jamaica* per first on board
 „ the two hyred ships, with provisions for
 „ three weeks.

„There after it was put to the vote, whether
 „or not the land men, who are to settle here
 „should have over them, six Captains, six
 „Lieutenants, and six Ensignes, or eight of each,
 „and it was carried eight, then the *praeses* re-
 „commended to all the members of this mee-
 „ting to have their serious thoughts concer-
 „cerning the men fittest for staying here and
 „going to *Jamaica*, till three of the clock this
 „afternoone, to which time this meeting is
 „adjourned signed, Ja: Gibson *praeses*.

At three of the clock in the afternoon
 Captain *James Gibson praeses* as above.

Minuts of last *federunt* read.

„There being a motion made concerning
 „the nomination of the Officers to be sent to
 „*Jamaica*, and this meeting not agreeing in
 „it, the vote was put whether the nomina-
 „tion should be, by this meeting or the coun-
 „cill, and carried to be, by the councill coun-
 „consisting of four, viz. *James Byres* Captain
 „*William Veitch*, Captain *James Gibson* and *Ma-*
 „*jor John Lindsay*. Signed Ja: Gibson *praeses*.

*The Account of Working tools &c. brought by
 Captain Thomas Drummond from New-York for
 resettling the Colony.*

48 Hatchets. 41. Spades and shuffles. 8 Mattocks.
 10 Splitting kuyves. 9. hand-saws. 2 Screws.
 4 Rug-saws. One pair of bellows. 4 Fyles.
 9 Wages. 6. Edges. 8 Malls.

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The Bil of fare agreed on, for Councillours, Officers, seamen and planters, without distinction.

„ **O** Ne half pound bread, mealle or flower to
 „ each man per *diem*, with one half pound
 „ of beef, or a quarter of a pound of Stock-
 „ fish. And one third part of a gill of bran-
 „ dy. And a chopin of boyled peepe to every
 „ six men being $2\frac{1}{2}$ pecks unboyled to one
 „ hundred men.

A Copy of the Proceſs againſt Campble

On board the *Rifingsun* in Caledonia Bay 18th
 December 1699.

„ **T** He Councill *Captain William Vetch* Pri-
 „ ses do accuſe and lybel *Alexander Camp-*
 „ ble in *Captain Campbles* company in manner
 „ following viz: that contrary to all the Laws
 „ Divine and humane, known and observed a-
 „ mongst any civilized people, the said *A-*
 „ lexander *Campble* hath frequently exprest his
 „ diſatisfaction with the allowance dayly given
 „ out, by order of a generall meeting for ſubſi-
 „ ſting the Colony, albeit there be not the least
 „ distinction made twixt Officers and Planters,
 „ and that he himself did not aleadge the ſto-
 „ ping of his own victualls. Like as the said

„ *Alexander Campble* , by whose instigation the
„ Councill doth not yet know , upon the 15 &
„ 16 dayes of this Current December did openly
„ avow to severall persons his disatisfaction
„ with the Counsellors proceedings in / so
„ farr as they had not given such speedy answers
„ to some of *Captain Drummonds* propositions
„ as was expected ; and therefor that he
„ himself, a great many Officers , Voluntiers,
„ Planters and seamen had a design and well
„ layd contrivance for seising the persons of
„ the Counsellors, and hanging them alltogether
„ in case they would not devest themselves of
„ the Government in favours of the Conspirators ;
„ and that the said Conspirators were to
„ take possession of the Company's two proper
„ ships the *Rising sun* and *Hope*, in the former of
„ which they were assured there was 27000
„ *Marks* of the Companys mony, and that in one
„ of the two hired ships there was 10000 *Marks*
„ and they were sure to gett the hired ships
„ without any difficulty : which mutinous association
„ and Villanous design of murther
„ being both crimes meritorious of death, for the
„ terrour of others in time coming who may
„ have any such devilish designs ; and for the
„ peace and welfare of this *Colony* , Unanimity
„ unto just and honest undertakings being our
„ strongest Bulwark , the Councill do seriously
„ recomend to the honourable Gentlemen of
the

„the councill of war to whom the tryall of
 „this matter is committed, to have God and
 „a good conscience before their eyes and to
 „proceed in administrating justice without
 „fear or pity, and this shall be sufficient war-
 „rant.

On board the *Riseing sun* in Caledonia Bay
 18 December 1699.

„ **A**T a Council of war convened by order
 „of the Council Present *Major John Ram-*
 „*say Pracefs*, Captain Robert Hay, Captain
 „Alexander Montgomerie, Captain Francis Bal-
 „four, Captain Thomas Mackintosh, Captain John
 „Baillie, Captain James Urquhart : Lieute-
 „nant Charles Stewart, Lieutenant Thomas Nis-
 „bet, Lieutenant Samuell Johnston, Ensigne Ja-
 „mes Boyd, Ensigne Thomas Arthur, and En-
 „signe David Lundie.

„The *Pannell Alexander Campble* being called,
 „confessed that he had made a Complaint to se-
 „verall of his comerades anent their allowance
 „but did not think it was the Councils fault, the
 „same was detained, Confesses likewise that he
 „had heard by severall persons, particularly *Ser-*
 „*geant Campble*, *Captain Drummonds Sergeant*, and
 „*Lieutenant John Campble* in *Captain Campbles*
 „company of a design of sending 500 of the best
 „men to *Jamaica* to be sold, and of a letter

„ written by Captain *Drummond* to the Council
 „ on board the *Rising Sun* desiring 150 of the fore
 „ said men under his command and that he
 „ would procure them gear and maintenance
 „ and they should return to the *Colonys* servi-
 „ ce when the Council required them, and that
 „ that was better than to be sold. At which the
 „ said *Pannell* was very much cast down, and
 „ exprest himself to a Sergeant. but knew not in
 „ whose Company he was, as also to some other
 „ souldiers but denies his having said any thing
 „ of his dislike of the Councillors Government or
 „ of any design of seising their persons, Hefur-
 „ ther confessed that he heard there was Twen-
 „ ty six thousand Marks aboard this ship besides
 „ bills of Credit which he thought might have
 „ maintained them here if the Council took
 „ care of getting provisions, denys all the other
 „ Articles. The said *Pannell* having called Cap-
 „ tain Balfour and Captain Baillie aside Confessed
 „ to them that on saturday when he was at din-
 „ ner *Ensigne Spark* in Captain *Kinnairds* Company
 „ came to him, where upon he rose and ha-
 „ ving walked with him the said *Ensigne Spark*
 „ told him that Captain *Drummond* had peti-
 „ tioned the Council for some of the men
 „ who were ordered to Jamaica, under his com-
 „ mand on some Expedition, and he the said
 „ *spark*, said if he were ordered to go to Ja-
 „ maica he would be one of the number that
 „ were

„were to go with Captain Drummond.
 „*Wiliam Mcloud* one of the witnesses being
 „sworn and purged of partiall counsell depones
 „that on saturday the 16 of this currant he went
 „a shoar and there met with *Sergeant Logan* ,
 „who declared as followes, that there was one
 „whose name he knew not was a great seducer
 „of the *Colony*, and had severall times spoke to
 „him to that purpose, upon whose relation the
 „*Deponent* went and spoke to him himself his na-
 „me being *Alexander Campble* now *Pannell* be-
 „fore this Court: who with other discourses said
 „that the Councillors had wholly disheartned
 „this Colony by diminishing their victualls to
 „enrich their own Pockets, and now said he ,
 „we have written a proposition to the Coun-
 „cellors, which if refused we intend to make it
 „good per force: then the deponent asked him
 „by what means; he said by seising the Council-
 „lors all 4 at once and if they'd not grant their
 „request they would hang them. The *De-*
 „*ponent* said they behooved to have men of both
 „conduct and courage to manage such an En-
 „terprise, Whereupon he answered there should
 „be no want of that: the *Deponent* desired their
 „names, he said there was one *Ensigne Spark*, had
 „spoke to him the same day there anent and se-
 „verall others. Then the *Deponent* demanded
 „what rules they had layd down for prosecuting
 „such a design he the said *Pannell* answered that
 C 5 they

„ they had not fully concluded thereon till munday when they were to hold a meeting. The
 „ *Deponent* desiring of him that he might be acquainted with what they did in their meeting
 „ was answered that if he was a shoar he should be a sharer and should have his vote as well as
 „ others. The *Deponent* said to the *Pannell* that
 „ the Companys ship the *Hope* would be a fitt
 „ Instrument for their design, who answered
 „ him, not without her Mother, pointing to
 „ the *Rising sun*. The *Deponent* said that it was
 „ simply impossible to attempt any such thing,
 „ the ship being so well provided with men and
 „ arms, he said that was the easiest thing of Nature,
 „ for if once the old fox, meaning *Captain Gibson*,
 „ were hanged they'd meet with no resistance,
 „ he further told the *Deponent* that *Lieutenant walter Gbham*
 „ had told him a shoar the other day that there was 27000 marks
 „ aboard the *Rising sun*, and 10000 Marks aboard the
 „ *Daling*, and that they may live happy enough
 „ in the enjoyment of these things, The *Deponent*
 „ further declares that *Wiliam Robertson* Sergeant
 „ to *Captain Grants* Company told him that he could
 „ discover something but was under an oath of secrecy,
 „ the *Deponent* said that an unlawfull oath might
 „ lawfully be broken he said if it was not found out
 „ otherways he should in time discover it and this is the
 „ truth as he shall answer to God.

Sig.

Signed by *William M'loud.*

„ *Andrew Logan* Sergeant aged 31 years being
 „ sworn and purged of partiall Counsell depones
 „ that upon thursday last being a shoar with *Peter*
 „ *Mc firran* planter in *Captain Farquhars* Com-
 „ pany he told him that the said *Alexander Camp-*
 „ *ble* now before this Court had spokene to severall
 „ persons for raising a mutiny, upon the which
 „ day the said *Pannell* desired the *Deponent* to
 „ speak to his Comerade in the *Duke of Hamil-*
 „ *ton* to join in this matter and told him that the
 „ mony in this ship and the *Daling* would do a
 „ great many of the *Conspirators* good who were
 „ to take this ship and the little *Hope* and sell
 „ them in some place and take the mony and live
 „ upon either in *England* or *Irland*. the *Deponent*
 „ further declares that upon Saturday last the
 „ said *Pannell* told him they would take the
 „ Councillors when a shoar and threaten to hang
 „ them if they would not permit a boat full of
 „ *Conspirators* to go on board and command this
 „ ship. The *Deponent* says further that the *Pan-*
 „ *nell* told him the Councillors took no right
 „ methods for the *Colonys* thriving for they would
 „ not give ear to *Captain Drummonds* proposition
 „ and that he heard him say to the above *Wil-*
 „ *liam Mcloud* upon his asking him what heads
 „ they had for such an undertaking, that *En-*
 „ *signe Spark* was a very honest Gentleman and
 „ he had spoke to him this day, and he would
 foud-

„ found him further. And this is the truth &c.

„ Signed by *Andrew Logan*.

„ *Peter Mcfirran* Planter in *Captain Farqu-*
 „ *hars* Company aged 28 years, being sworn and
 „ purged of partiall Counsel. Depones that to the
 „ best of his knowledge on Wednesday last
 „ being at work on shoar, the said *Pannell* ask-
 „ ed the *Deponent*, what are you consulting
 „ upon how we shall get out of this place. The
 „ *Deponent* answered that he knew not how to
 „ get out of this place but if the Country were
 „ planted and victualls in it they might live
 „ well enough here. The said *Pannell* said he
 „ would contrive how to get out of this place if
 „ we would be true to him. Then the *Depo-*
 „ *nent* asked him concerning his contrivance,
 „ he answered that he would have some of his
 „ Companions sent to this ship and the Com-
 „ panys ship the *Hope*, and that he had already
 „ sounded severalls on board this ship who were
 „ of his opinion, and would give a signall here
 „ by a man holding a flag in his hand, when
 „ they were to fall on and that he would take a-
 „ way the best of the goods and send the men
 „ who were not for his purpote a shoar at the
 „ first Port, and that there was 27000 *Marks* a
 „ board this ship, and 10000 *Marks* aboard the
 „ *Daling*, where by and by selling the ships and
 „ goods the Conspirators might Live happily a-
 „ ny where, and at another time the *Pannell*
 spoke

„ spoke to the same purpose to the *Deponent* and
„ *Sergeant Logan*, And this is the truth &c. Signed
„ by *Pat. Mcfirran*.
„ *Wiliam Robertson* Sergeant in *Captain Grants*
„ Company aged 24 years being sworn and pur-
„ ged of malice and partiall Counsell depones
„ that upon Wednesday last to the best of his
„ knowledge the said *Pannell* asked him what
„ he thought of this life, the *Deponent* an-
„ swered that he thought it a very sober life,
„ then the *Pannell* told him he would propose
„ something to him if he would promise not to
„ reveal it again, upon which he rashly swore
„ that he would not. Where upon he pro-
„ posed to secure the Counsellors, and the Offi-
„ cers, this ship with all the mony and effects
„ aboard her, the Companys ship the *Hope*, and
„ then they could easily secure the Flyboats, de-
„ sired the *Deponent* to bespeak, his Comera-
„ des to be assitting in the said Project, and upon
„ the *Deponents* asking what they should do
„ with the seamen, he desired him to bespeak
„ those of this ship, and for the two hired ships
„ he doubted not to command them and to this
„ purpose he importuned him severall times,
„ which he denying the said *Pannell* desired
„ him to keep it secret, and he would prosecute
„ his designs himself. And further depones
„ that on saturday the 16th being in discourse
„ with the *Pannell*, he told him and *Duncan*
„ *Drum*.

„ *Drummond* in *Captain Cambles Company* that
 „ *Ensign Spark* told him of a petition of *Captain*
 „ *Drummonds* to the Councill for 150 men, which
 „ petition if it failed they were to prosecute their
 „ design as above narrated and this is the truth
 „ &c. Signed by *William Robertson*.

„ Upon reading the depositions, the question
 „ being put guilty or not guilty, carried, *nemine*
 „ *contradicente*, Guilty, And according, to the
 „ Articles of War, condemned him to be hang-
 „ ed, and the day of his execution referred to the
 „ Council. Sic, subscribitur.

Jo : Ramsay Præses.

The Councill conform to the above Referances
 appoint wednesday the 20 day of this Currant to
 be the day of the execution of the above senten-
 ce at 2 of the clock in the afternoon with in the
 Fort St. Andrew. Signed by the 4 Coun-
 sellors.

All these may be seen in the Journall which I
 gave in to the court of Directors for which I
 have their receipt, bearing obligation of gi-
 ving me copies of what I shall desire, and I am
 of opinion that none of the Adventurers can in
 justice be refused a sight of all the papers I
 gave up.

The list of the dead mentioned may be seen at
 the end of this letter, with *Drummonds*, propo-
 sitions.

What

What hapned after this you'll understand by the following letter Written by the foresaid four Councillours to the Court of Directors from Caledonia-Bay, 3 February 1700

RIGHT HONOR.

O Ur last was of 23 December which we sent with *Andrew Caldwalls* and *William Gellie* „ to *Jamaica*, by a small English sloop bound „ thither, which parted from *Golden-Island* on „ 29 December but albeit the Master of the sloop „ was resolved to return hither in twenty days „ at furthest (having left his *Canoe*, and some „ men for catching turtle) yet he is neither returned nor have we heard ought concerning „ him since he parted, so we know not what to „ think of his stay Except (as God forbid) the „ sloop be lost or fallen into inconvenience at „ *Jamaica*, for having been here. Meantime „ this comes by *James Byres* for *Jamaica* on board „ the English sloop we bought here, And all „ we formerly wrote you is copied and here inclosed. Ditto *Byres* will dispatch one packett „ by the fly boats and another by way of England.

„ We have been as busie as possible since our „ arrayall in getting hutts built, whereof we „ have now 72 for planters &c. each 12 foot long
and

„and 10 foot broad , and 15 hutts for Officers
„30 foot long and 16 foot broad , Also we have
„built two storehouses the One 60 foot long
„and 20 foot broad , the other 25 foot long and
„20 foot broad where in we have put our pro-
„visions, we have likeways put a rooffe upon
„and otherways repaired the *guard house* which
„serves as a church , and now we are at work
„with our batteries and in a few days we hope
„they shall be tollerably repaired but we cannot
„propose the making cariages for the great guns
„because we want tooles, so we shall be oblig-
„ed to take a shoar some of the ships guns, where
„of there are already four upon on of the batteries
„The list of the men to be sent by the fly
„boats to *Jamaica*, is inclosed being in all. —
„So we have according to the resolutions
„of the *Generall Meeting* of 4th and 5th
„December, kept of land and seamen in all 500
„but how long these shall subsist here, may be
„guessed at, by the inclosed account of our pro-
„visions remaining , after victualling the men
„to be sent off for twenty days, and of these
„great allowance must be made for unsuffi-
„ciencie, particularly of the beef and flowr,
„both being very ill of their kinds. You'll per-
„ceive by the accounts cleared with the *Cap-*
„*tains* of the hired ships seven hogs heads of
„flowr per *Daling* was thrown out, and a con-
„siderable dammage among the other hogs
„heads,

„ heads, and indeed we cannot understand the
 „ loss, to be altogether occasioned by the ships
 „ fault, severall hogsheads being sufficient
 „ round about, and yet damnified in the mid-
 „ dle, others less damnified being sufficient
 „ within and only spoyled about the heads and
 „ sides of the casks which is probabli occasioned
 „ by their lying in a watery place, but we can-
 „ not imagine how that could be on board the
 „ ship above the water casks. We are appre-
 „ hensive that the flowr has been made of wheat
 „ which hath been hot, or at least put in to the
 „ hogsheads hot from the milne, but be as it
 „ will, none who ever tasted it, believe it to be
 „ more as $\frac{2}{3}$ flowr and $\frac{1}{3}$ bear meall, and it is
 „ very ill dighted. We could not really (though
 „ it lay at our doors) determine the dammages
 „ to which *Daling* should be lyable, being un-
 „ certain in what condition the flowr was put
 „ on board, finding to our sad experience that
 „ the company have not been well served in
 „ that matter, which perhaps some enquiry at
 „ home may discover.

„ We could not put any certain value on
 „ the ballances due by the account of provisions
 „ cleared with the Captains of the hired ships,
 „ therefor only model'd them in the terms of
 „ the charterparties, and you have copies of
 „ both *per* each ship. The Captains did what be-
 „ long'd to them during the voyage and since

„ arrivall , but you'l find that *Dalings* ship
 „ hath not been victualled, as she ought to have
 „ been and so we are disapointed of what's
 „ spent of our provisions in the voyage on board
 „ that ship which is more imputable to the Cap-
 „ tains father than himself. Meantime it is our
 „ Misfortune.

„ We are still expecting some way or other
 „ to hear from your Honours with such orders as
 „ you shall think fit to give us, and albeit to this
 „ day we have got no account from any in
 „ *Scotland*, we shall not be so rash as to impute
 „ the same to neglect, but rather to Miscarria-
 „ ge, only while we are doing what we can ,
 „ we have no doubt of being approven , and
 „ when our provisions are so far spent that we
 „ must abandon our settlement, we cannot be
 „ blamed, for the ships shall still wait your
 „ Honours orders.

„ It is not to be supposed that we are in con-
 „ dition to pay our Ministers their stipend , and
 „ therefor seeing their living as well as our
 „ own is the same with the Meanest planters ,
 „ we hope you'll consider them at home , so as
 „ they may not want what the Colony here
 „ should have payd them. And we must in a par-
 „ ticular manner recommend to you *Mrs. Dal-*
 „ *gleish* relict of *Mr. Alexander Dalgleish*, who
 „ dy'd at sea on board *Duncans* ship , she is big
 „ with child and therefor goes for *Jamaica* ,
 „ wec

„we are not in condition so to treat her, as her
 „circumstances and good behaviour require,
 „but if *James Byres*, find credit at *Jamai-*
 „*ca*, he will advance her some what for de-
 „fraying charges till she be in condition to re-
 „turn home, and we doubt not of your allowing
 „her a years stipend.

„On 17th. Ult^o. we took account of our bran-
 „dy and finding only sixty gallons remaining,
 „we ordered none to be given out except to
 „such as wrought according to the dayly lists
 „of men imployed, and neither Officers, Volun-
 „teers, saillers or Planters are excepted, but we
 „augmented, the dayly allowance of bread
 „meale or flour from $\frac{1}{2}$ lb to $\frac{3}{4}$ lb which we
 „find litle enough albeit we had brandy. we
 „are sensible of the brandys being embezled and
 „Misapplyed, but know not how to prove the
 „same so against *James Milne* our steward, as
 „that satisfaction may be got: for we have
 „nothing whereby to instruct a charge on him,
 „but we shall do our best.

„We cannot conceive for what end so much
 „thing *gray paper*, and so many litle *blew bon-*
 „*nets* were sent here being entirely useles, and
 „not worth their room in a ship.

„It cannot be un known to your Honours
 „that we have not 150 sterlings worth of vendi-
 „ble goods belonging to the company, and
 „therefor our relieffe if we get any, must

„ come from *Scotland* either in provisions , or
 „ credit which can be effectuell ere we must
 „ starve for want.

„ Major *John Ramsay* and *Captain Thomas Ham-*
 „ *ilton* desired their liberty to go for *Jamai-*
 „ *ca*, and as for the rest, they will be but little
 „ wanted, and without reflection it may be
 „ said, that many of them would have been
 „ but little usefull, though the Colony had
 „ been in a prosperous condition.

„ As to the time the flyboats have lyen here,
 „ we could not indeed get them sooner dispat-
 „ ched, the finding hoops for their water casks
 „ being a great difficulty. The Captains have
 „ been abundantly discreet, and readily
 „ obeyed such orders as we gave them, but al-
 „ beit we have made no condition with them,
 „ for the time they have stayd here or for carry-
 „ ing the men to *Jamaica*, yet they expect
 „ your Honours will so consider them that they
 „ as well as others may be encouraged to serve
 „ the company in time coming.

„ After the list of the men to stay here was
 „ finish'd, *Captain Robert Hay* who was one of
 „ those mentioned in it, desired his liberty to
 „ go home, which we granted him, so he goes
 „ to *Jamaica* per *Duncans* ship, Albeit the fly bo-
 „ ats had been sooner clear yet it had been im-
 „ possible for them to have got out, the wind
 „ ever since *Christmas* having blown briskly at
 „ North,

„ North , but't is not above eight days since
 „ we got things in readines. Albeit we men-
 „ tion the list of those intended for *Jamaica*,
 „ as inclosed yet the same can only come by
 „ the flyboats , so on their arryvall at *Port-*
 „ *Royall* one copy shall be forwarded per *Dun-*
 „ *cans* ship , and another by way of *England*.
 „ Meantime committing your Honours and
 „ this poor Colony to the protection of Al-
 „ mighty God we continue with all due re-
 „ spect R. H. your &c.

This was signed by all the four Councel-
 lours , as the former.

On 7. February the Following. Postscript
was added.

„ Since writing what's above (the wind still
 „ blowing at North , so that the flyboats
 „ cannot get out) there is come into this bay
 „ a small *Brigantine* belonging to one *Mr. Sarle*
 „ of *Port-Royall* who is himself on board. He
 „ advises that about twenty days ago he came
 „ from thence , and has since been on the
 „ coast about *Porto-bell* , endeavouring to dis-
 „ pose of fourty *Negros* and some dry goods,
 „ which he has on board , he adds that he
 „ was chased thence by a Spanish *man of war*
 „ which came out to take him , and that he

„lost his boat and four sailers who were a shoar,
 „when he got chace, and so were taken, he
 „was informed that there were four *Men* of
 „*warr* come from *old Spain*, two about a month
 „or five weeks ago, the *one* of 60. the *other*
 „of 40. guns, and that about fourteen days
 „ago the other two arryved, of 20. guns
 „*each*, and that there are *three* more dayly
 „expected from *Carthagena* to joine them, and
 „that all seven have orders to come against
 „us *per* first, for which purpose he says all
 „the bakers in *Portobell* are busie baking bread
 „for the expedition.

„*Mr. Sarle* says the *Jamaica* sloop where in
 „*William Gellie* and *Andrew Caldwalls* sailed
 „from this, was seized on arrivall, for what cause.
 „He cannot well tell, but that the Gentlemen
 „on board were at liberty and kindly received,
 „we refer you to *James Byres* for further in-
 „formation of all busines at *Jamaica*. He parts
 „this day in our new sloop, that he may,
 „if possible, have some agreement made for
 „the planters ere thy arryve, we are with all
 „respect.

R. H.

Your most humble &c.

Signed as formerly.

I Came safe to *Jamaica*, where I found *Wil-*
liam Gellie who shortly after parted for
 „*Scot-*

Scotland, whom I fully informed of all that passed from his parting from Caledonia, and by whom I sent to the Directors of the Company an account of all that I had learned and met with in the way to and upon my arrival at *Jamaica* in the following letter.

February 29. 1700.

RIGHT HONOURABLE.

„ **R**eferring to what is inclosed from the
 „ Councill where of I am a member, this
 „ shall advise, what has occurred to me concerning the Company and Colonies affairs,
 „ before and since I parted from *Caledonia*, which
 „ was on 7. current.

„ On 20. we touched at *Black River* 20.
 „ leagues to the *Leeward* of this place which
 „ was the most *Westerly* part of this Island we
 „ could make, albeit we stood as much *east*
 „ *ward* along the shoar, as we could. On *thurs-*
 „ *day* 22. we stood in to *Wishie-wood*, 12. leagues
 „ distant from this to the *Leeward*. I had many
 „ good reasons for not bringing the sloop
 „ further, such as the inconveniencie which
 „ hapned to the sloop wherein *Gellie* and
 „ *Caldwells* came (all things on board, as well
 „ as the sloop it self being seized and confiscated) and the inconstancie of the seamen on
 „ board, of whose desertion I was jealous,
 „ should

„ should they once be spoke with here , by
„ such as had occasion for them , besides *Ad-*
„ *mirall Bembo* is here with a Squadron of *men*
„ *of war*, so that I was also afraid of pressing, and
„ therefor I tooke horse from *withie wood* and
„ arrived here on *saturday* 24. in the morning.
„ The chiefe busines for which I was sent,
„ was as formerly advised , that I might be
„ assisting anent disposing of the men we de-
„ signed to send hither , so as the Colony might
„ have them , when in condition to subsist
„ them, and that I might also enquire into
„ what concerns the effects belonging to the
„ Colony on board the *St. Andrew*. And because
„ I could carry nothing along with me , that
„ was vendible, where with all to defray my
„ charges, The three other Councillours wrote
„ to *Dr. Blair* that he might advance me what
„ I stood in need of to the value of forty
„ pounds sterling, but the *Dr.* was not pleased
„ to have any regard to the credit, on the con-
„ trary , he exprest himself pretty roughly ,
„ in relation to the company's affairs and said
„ he could gladly wish, the Councillours or
„ managers would forbear troubling him there
„ anent ; which I told him should be done, in
„ so far as any I was concerned with had any
„ management , in time coming. Now albeit
„ I be in a strange place of the world without
„ any acquaintance or means of subsisting, yet
„ I doubt

„I doubt not of procuring as much as will
 „provide me necessaries.

„*Daniel Mackay* having touched here on *Sa-*
 „*turday* 10, and departed on *Tuesday* 13 current
 „for *Caledonia*, on board a small vessell with
 „provisions, which will indeed be very accep-
 „table to the Colony, which needs them very
 „much, He told *Messieurs Gellie* and *Caldwallis*.
 „that your Honours were highly displeased at
 „our parting from *Clyde*, after our sailing
 „was countermanded by some directors at *Glas-*
 „*gow*, and (which seems very strange) he
 „said, that the reading of what we wrote from
 „the bay of Boot at our parting and the copy
 „of the letter which these Gentlemen of *Glas-*
 „*gow* were pleased to exhibit, did not justify
 „our proceedings. Which indeed pinches my
 „judgement hard on all sides, being loath to
 „judge that these Gentlemen would be so disin-
 „genuous as to show a wrong copy of what they
 „wrote us, or that your Honours, after hearing of
 „both parties, which I reckon, the reading and
 „considering their and our letters, would find us
 „transgressors in the least, except we were tyed,
 „to know the secret meaning of a letter plainly
 „different from what we find there in exprest,
 „and also, to receive a countermand from a
 „part, of such orders, as are given us, by the
 „whole, which I am perswaded nothing but an
 „unforeseen event could *ex post facto* justify. I

„ know *Sir John Schaw* will not readily say to
 „ my face, that he himself meant or understood
 „ the other subscribers to mean a countermand
 „ of our sailing orders, further then to the time
 „ mentioned in their joint letter, if he'll be plea-
 „ sed to remember that he wrote a postscript, by
 „ way of droll or banter to me in particular
 „ where in he said, that now he hoped I would be
 „ ready to saile, and that the wind would favour
 „ us seeing I had got the *Canary* on board, which
 „ I so much desired, and concluded with wish-
 „ ing us a good voyage, after all I am convin-
 „ ced that a true discovery shall be made where
 „ the blame lyes, seeing by this as well as our for-
 „ mer letter of 23 Dec. You have exact copies
 „ of the Directors at *Glasgow* their letter to us.
 „ Which I am sure they will not contravert.
 „ Mr. Mackay while here exprest his dissatis-
 „ faction at our having ordered (pursuant to the
 „ resolutions of the Generall meetings of the land
 „ and sea officers) that all our men supernumera-
 „ ry to 500 should be sent hither, but I beklive
 „ your Honours will be ready to acknowledge
 „ that the Maintaining of men without provi-
 „ sions is altogether impracticable, and that our
 „ resolutions were consistent enough with right
 „ reason and the rules of probability, for it is
 „ most certain that better then all should be ob-
 „ ligious to desert in the space of four months
 „ one half who would run all the hazards to
 „ which

,, which the paucity of their number could ex-
 ,, pose them, should wait for your Honours re-
 ,, cruits five moneths , for I reckon that the ne-
 ,, cessary supplys and reparations for the flyboats
 ,, transporting the men to be sent of by them,
 ,, such as the repairing of the water-casks and
 ,, carreening the ships after landing of the men
 ,, (which could not be done, till houses were
 ,, built for them) together with the embargo of
 ,, a north wind , which usually blows on the
 ,, coast of the continent from Christmas till
 ,, March at nearest, to consume at least three mo-
 ,, neths, and then the victualling them for twenty
 ,, days is the same thing for consumpt as if they
 ,, were twenty days longer in Caledonia. Besides
 ,, the great allowances we find our selves obliged
 ,, to give for unsufficiencie of provisions and short
 ,, coming of our liquors, by the villany of our
 ,, stewarts and other indirect means , Made us
 ,, think of stretching our arme no further then
 ,, our sleeve would let us , and I believe no bo-
 ,, dy that is not famin prooffe could have done
 ,, otherwise, and thought on Mantainance ,
 ,, without a Miracle, It may also be considered,
 ,, that had we continued your Honours bill of
 ,, fare (which indeed we got not at first restric-
 ,, ted without mutinying) we had long ere now
 ,, been obliged to do altogether what *Mr.*
 ,, *Mackay* finds fault with in a part. I am per-
 ,, suaded that after serious consideration your
 Hon-

„ Honours will be satisfied that nothing in our
„ power according to knowledge , has been
„ omitted, for the company's and Colony's in-
„ terest, and that turning the canon and making
„ us act defensively is Malicious against us ,
„ if not against the company. It doth indeed pass
„ my knowledge to find out , what could be
„ reckoned our plot, (if we must have one) in
„ failing contrary to orders, which is plain we
„ did not, for we had nothing to tempt us , ex-
„ cept we had been weary of our lives and lon-
„ ged to be murdered by a murmuring croud
„ of unruly people , fretting because of their
„ being hugely disappointed (for preventing
„ whereof we were singularly obliged to di-
„ vine providence) or els had designed to go
„ a pyrating for which, bating the unlawfull-
„ nes of the game, God know's what condition
„ we were in, when even ere we parted as well,
„ as all the way our men were in sad enough cir-
„ cumstances as to their health, besides the ig-
„ norance of most of them in what belonged ei-
„ ther to sea or land fighting, so that the fault
„ (if there be any) is plainly resolved into the
„ folly of us you made Councillours for the voy-
„ age , and for my own part I humbly desire
„ your Honours may do me the justice as to ac-
„ knowledge, before the Councill Generall that
„ I was never acquainted with my being named
„ in the commission, till my name was filled up
in

„ in it, and theretor did not solícite your choice
„ of me, I know no better but that my Colle-
„ gues may say the like, though I never thought
„ to have had occasion of saying so much on this
„ head. I did indeed plead my priviledge in a
„ memoriall, which I gave in to your Honours
„ desiring that pursuant to the Constitutions I
„ might have a certificat, declaring my being a
„ Councillour for the company, but never de-
„ sired any trust, or to come under any obliga-
„ tions. On the contrary when propositions
„ were made me by some of your number, my
„ answer was, that if the company thought I
„ could serve them I should readily obey their
„ commands as farr as I could, and refer any
„ consideration to themselvs according to the
„ merit of my service, but was so farr from
„ thinking on any charge during the voyage,
„ that I wrote to *Captain Gibson* to do me the
„ favour, of providing a bed for me at any rate,
„ and if we have play'd the foole in this affair,
„ it may be allow'd that other men who think
„ themselves wiser might have done the like,
„ except they had had other means of know-
„ ledge then we had.

„ Master *Mackay* was likeways pleased to give
„ out here that he had the sole power of mak-
„ ing Councillours, and calling them when
„ he pleased, and your Honours bill of ease to
„ us who have hitherto exerted since we were
com-

„ commissioned , where anent your will shall
 „ be a law , on condition , that he free us of our
 „ engagement for the price of the sloop and
 „ cargo which we bought for the colonys be-
 „ hooft, and for which we gave bills bearing va-
 „ lue received, as *per* our former letters. this is my
 „ own opinion , and I doubt not will be the o-
 „ pinion of the other three Councillours , but I
 „ hope it cannot be thought that we do amisse in
 „ not devolving the power we are vested with,
 „ on a man , who will not receive it with its own
 „ burden , and shew a way how it , and not we
 „ shall beare the same, If what we have done and
 „ suffered for the companys service do not give
 „ your Honours impressions of gratitude , I shall
 „ never urge your thanking or acknowled-
 „ ging us for our pains , because it is not seem-
 „ ly for me to say in my own behalf what all the
 „ colony is not ignorant of.

„ Now if there be any thing I have written,
 „ offensive I humbly beg them , to whom it is
 „ so , to consider that all I say , is on supposi-
 „ tion , that what *Mr. Mackay* spoke here is
 „ true , and then if their prejudice continue , I
 „ cannot without being too self denyd endea-
 „ vour their satisfaction.

„ What ever be the prejudices of some I still
 „ reckon on finding faith with others and there
 „ for as a Scots man , as well as Adventurer in
 „ the company and a Councillour , I reckon my
 self

„ selfobliged to declare my mind plainly a-
 „ nent such things as I know , concerning the
 „ affairs of the Company under the past and pre-
 „ sent management.

„ As I already hinted our Stewart *James Milne*
 „ and his underlings have not playd fair , and in
 „ his accounts such as they were , he gives up
 „ *Alexander Hamilton* debtor for fourscore
 „ pints of brandy given him during the voy-
 „ age , besides what he brought in his own bot-
 „ tles , and borrowed from other hands , which
 „ altogether may be modestly reckoned a hog-
 „ head , with which brandy there was abun-
 „ dance of debauchery committed on board the
 „ ship , which without a rupture , we could not
 „ help , *Mr. Hamilton* was likewise pleased
 „ to feed people , with such golden dreams as he
 „ told at Edinburgh , untill we law , most he
 „ said , to be notoriously false and I am sure his
 „ being on board , was much against the Compa-
 „ nys interest.

„ I need say nothing of the hardships , the
 „ Company on all occasions meet with , at the
 „ hands of the English government , having al-
 „ ready written your Honours of the Governour
 „ of Monserat , (who indeed is the most un-
 „ mannerly senseless fellow I ever saw) his refu-
 „ sing us the priviledge of taking wood and
 „ water on board , which is the next step to ,
 „ or rather another of the same with refusing to
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„ let us breath in the air, for as the air we breath
„ in does no ways prejudge what they breath in;
„ so the water which would serve us runs into
„ the sea and do's them no good. I am confident
„ such treatment, and what the company has
„ formerly met with, will be thought, a Ro-
„ mance among strangers especially when the
„ parties are said to be the subjects of the same
„ King. But if upon due representation, these
„ things be not remedied, I must say our poor
„ Nation, is at a low ebb, and would do much
„ better to serve for hire, then pretending to
„ freedom to be slaves for nought, and we can
„ appeal to such English men themselvs who
„ in distress have come into our Bay, whether or
„ not, they have been treated in a more humane
„ manner, and received all the assistance they
„ demanded and which we were able to give, still
„ deferring to render evill for evill and expec-
„ ting that his Majesty, who reignes over us
„ both, will with an equall hand distribute the
„ liberty he has procured for his subjects, by
„ mantaining the dignity of the Scots, as well
„ as the English Acts of Parliament, but I am
„ hopefull that his Majesty is on this head al-
„ ready addressed and a gracious answer obtai-
„ ned seing in this case an Act of grace and justice
„ is the same.

„ Besides the papers which *Captain Drummond*
„ exhibited to us as *per* our former letters, we
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„did on further enquiry find in his custody,
„severall other papers, stitced books &c. Par-
„ticularly some of the minuts of the Councill;
„whereby we perceive most of their busines
„has been ordering what deference and re-
„spect should be payd to the Councillours
„and their Presidents, who served each a week
„by rotation, which busines was fully settled
„and the outturnings of the guard, and
„ruffling of Drums agreed on. The next
„weighty busines was the managing of a
„sutlery, for which we find warrants from
„the Presidents for giving the keeper of the
„sutling house great quantities of wine,
„brandy, spirits, Bottled ale and beer &c.
„And that in the months of *April* and *May*,
„which was but a short time befor their de-
„sertion as they said for want of provisions,
„it is plain enough that an equall distribu-
„tion, would have been more serviceable to
„the generall concerns of the colony, though
„otherways the goods which belonged to pri-
„vat Gentlemen should not have been in-
„hanfed.

„And where as it was pretended, that *Messieurs*
„*Montgomerie* and *Jollie* went off without the
„knowledge of the other Councillours, we
„find in their *Sederunt Books* licences for
„their going off, and liberall allowance of li-
„quors, and other necessities for their voyage,

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„which

„ which your Honours in your letters justly
 „ found fault with, seing there were too many
 „ presumptions of their being concerned in the
 „ design on the *St. Andrew*.

„ We got also a Journall, which *compara-*
 „ *tione literarum*, seems to be written with
 „ *Captain Drummonds* own hand, which he
 „ denys no otherways then in these terms that
 „ whether it be his hand writing or not, there's
 „ nothing in it written without his particular
 „ direction, and he knows all in it to be true as
 „ he shall answer to God. In this book we find
 „ repeated encomiums on the author, and very
 „ sorrie accounts of the Councillours constant
 „ jarrings and scolding on one another like fish
 „ wives, and that so loudly as to be heard by the
 „ most part of the planters and all the Officers,
 „ and a great part of this scene is acted by
 „ *Captain Pennycooke* and *Mr. Mackay* who
 „ were not wanting to reckon on their mean
 „ Originalls and late preferment so scurvily in
 „ publick, that I am ashamed to insert here
 „ what I read in the Journall; only it came at
 „ last to such a hight, that *Pennycooke* gave
 „ *Mackay* a challenge to fight him, which he
 „ shifted, but scolding continued so much
 „ among them all, that many meetings began
 „ and ended with that divertisement, and at
 „ one of them *Mr. Paterson* is said to have
 „ heard them so ridiculous, that he asked
 „ if

„ if he should send for a Chirurgeon to draw
 „ blood of them, there was still a great noise
 „ among them about *Jacobite*, *Williamite*, and
 „ *French* factions &c. the Journall further ac-
 „ quaints us that about the time of the deser-
 „ tion, all the Councillours save the Author
 „ *Captain Drummond* and *Mr. Paterfon*, were
 „ of opinion, they should sail with the ships
 „ streight for *Amsterdam*, and there sell them
 „ and the effects on board, and part the pro-
 „ ceeds among themselves because their coun-
 „ try had neglected them. But how these two
 „ Gentlemen, could out vote all the rest, the
 „ book is silent, only the Author when we
 „ posed him on it said it was very true, so that
 „ by this we came to understand the strength of
 „ *Captain Drummonds* credentialls. *Captain Vetch*
 „ in his letter to his brother calls *Paterfon*
 „ a fool and knave, and *Drummond* in his own
 „ Journall calls *Vetch* a knave, and yet these
 „ two concurr to the making of *Captain Drum-*
 „ *mond* an honest man in whom we might
 „ intirely confide.

„ What *Captain Drummonds* design was in
 „ returning to *Caledonia* with such a cargo,
 „ as he brought, we cannot understand, ex-
 „ cept it was to engage us to follow the
 „ footsteps of our predecessors, that so he might
 „ have a share in a second dividend, for we
 „ found in his *Hut* six peices of the Company's

„saill-douk, which with six more, he confesses to
 „have sold at *St. Thomas*, and says he bought,
 „them from *Captain Samuell Vetch* at *New-*
 „*York* for his own account, and beside pro-
 „duces an account signed indeed by no body but
 „himself, of goods bought by him from the
 „Councill, to the value of l. 120. Sterling,
 „and albeit he confesses the sale of flowr at
 „*St. Thomas*, he still urges, we should beleive
 „he was come to resettle the Colony, we de-
 „manded but were refused a subscribed or
 „unsubscribed account of what he had on board
 „his floope for the colonie's account, and he
 „desired we might receive what he had, which
 „indeed he knew not, and give him receipt
 „for the same. We have reason to think, that
 „matters are so packed up at *New-York*, that
 „little, if any thing, shall ever be recovered
 „there, for behoof of the Colony, and in this
 „place the *St. Andrew* lyes perishing to the
 „reproach of the Nation, and most of what was
 „on board the said ship and *Alexander Starks*,
 „is embezled and put out of the way, and no
 „body in condition, to give a reasonable account
 „of any thing. *Captain Macklain* while here
 „constituted one *Henry Patton* (who was a Mate
 „on board the *Unicorne*) *Captain* of the *St An-*
 „*drew*, he is thought to be a medler for his own
 „account, all I can do, is to behold without
 „being able to help the maladie, for by *Mackay's*
 „in

„insinuations here I am countenanced by no
„body, and my inclinations are not (though
„it were in my power) to thrust my self into
„the management of any thing, from which
„I seem barred by his doings, who says he
„has a later commission from your Honours,
„seing thereby I should only open the Mouths
„of enemies so much the more, that they saw
„us, contradicting one another, and yet both
„pretending to be the Company's freinds.
„However *Mr. Mackay* having left an order
„here, (whereof the copy is inclosed) for re-
„turning the flyboats and men on board them
„*per first*, in case they arrived here. It seems
„very strange, He should have thought the
„two Captains and me subject to his commands
„on his simple allegation, that he had power
„from your Honours. He has not considered
„that these Captains were to be free at Ca-
„ledonia, except goods could have been put
„on board their ships within a month after
„their arrivall, and that the bringing the men
„here was more then they were obliged to,
„and much more their taking them back again.
„But which is yet more wonderfull the men
„must return according to his order, and yet
„he has not left credit, for one farthing where
„withall to victuall them for the voyage: and
„really providence will be very favourable if
„the twenty days provisions they get at Cale-

„ donia be sufficient to bring them here. And to
„ justify our carrying them off, It is needless to
„ say more then is alraydy said. But in case they
„ cannot be returned it is plain on whom the
„ blame must ly, for I may as well think on
„ removing mountains, as persuading people
„ to undertake a voyage, without provisions
„ or a fund of credit, wherewithall to pro-
„ cure them, of both which I am industriously
„ made destitute, As to my self I think it is
„ not worth my pains to take notice of his
„ insolence and ill manners in putting his com-
„ mands so blindly upon me, seeing I have
„ more reason to doubt of his commission,
„ then he has to suspect mine. I had not one
„ line of a letter from him with any account
„ of things, so he reckons I am to obey him
„ implicitly. I hope his arrival shall prevent
„ the flyboats sailing from Caledonia, and so
„ stop them altogether, If he can make it
„ reasonable to expect supply in due time: But
„ the people there are so sensible that the whole,
„ nation has been imposed upon, by disinge-
„ nuous accounts of things, that they will be
„ ready to require some more solid funds for
„ their subsistence, then big words amount
„ to.

„ I pray God Almighty may so order all things,
„ that the ignominy may be taken off our poor
„ nation, and the affairs of the company bet-
„ ter

„ter settled and looked after in time coming,
„that all concerned may singly eye Gods
„Glory, and the honour and interest of their
„country, that their good designs may be
„blessed with success, and rogues discovered
„and duly punished, while honest men are
„encouraged.

„The same news you have in the postscript
„of our joint letter, are confirmed by all
„hands. I waited on the Governour at *Spanish*
„town, and discoursed with him at length,
„the man himself is very civill, and were it not
„for authority restraining him, would willingly
„show kindness to all concerned in the com-
„pany. He told me that the ships at *Cartha-*
„gena were failed to joine those at *Porto*
„bell, so that ere now all the fleet is at *Cale-*
„donia, He is not of opinion that they'l go
„in, because they are tender of their men, of
„whose lives they take care, and seldom en-
„gage without necessity. However enemies
„are not to be despised but the worst is to
„be provided for, as indeed has been done,
„So what remains depends on Gods provi-
„dence, who can save without multitudes
„by his Almighty power.

„I intend on 2^d. or 3^d. of March to set out
„for *Withywood*, where the sloop lyes, and
„return with her to *Caledonia*, and come
„what will I shall take my fate with the Co-

„lony at this juncture , and if I find all in
„peace and safety , I shall endeavour to obey
„what orders are there from your honours ,
„without disputing them further then is con-
„sistent with our own safety.

„ If the people named or to be named for
„Councillours and Managers be such , as
„had any concern in the first colony's busi-
„ness , as I would not joyne with them in
„doing ought , so I'll not be desirous to live
„under their government , till I see them do
„the company and their count ry justice , as
„to their former management and intromis-
„sions. Mean time my cheife design in
„returning , is to give satisfaction , that I
„have done all in my power to retrive the
„late Misfortune , and to procure a certificat
„of what I have done , as to which , and what I
„shall further do , your Honours or Successors
„in office , shall on a call , have me to Answer
„in Scotland.

„ The reason why I stay a few days here is
„lest the flyboats arrive , that I may be a
„witness to the measures which shall be taken
„by *Mr. Mackay's* privat Trustees for I must
„reckon him to have such , if he has acted
„with any shadow of reason , seeing he got
„full information from *Messrs. Gellie and Cald*
„wals of the circumstances of the men on board
„the flyboats whom he orders to return.

„ But

„ But I'll believe he has met with the flyboats.
 „ If they arrive not ere I part from this. I
 „ would indeed wait longer here, my instru-
 „ ctions being to keep the sloop eight days,
 „ expecting the flyboats arrivall, and then
 „ to return her, whether they arrive or not,
 „ and wait the Councils further orders. But
 „ I know my obeying these instructions, and
 „ returning the sloop without going on board
 „ her, (seeing no other occasion is like to offer,)
 „ would be lyable to misconstruction, and rea-
 „ dily interpreted by ill wishers as an absen-
 „ ting my self in time of danger, and the shun-
 „ ning to answer what I have done, in conjun-
 „ ction with the other Councillours there,
 „ neither of which I shall ever be found to
 „ decline.

„ I have sent *William Gelly* my brother in
 „ Law on board the Kings ship, the *Falmouth*,
 „ *Captain Mitchell* commander for England, he
 „ knows all that's past and can give full infor-
 „ mation. I hope your Honours will refund
 „ his charges, and consider him for his pains.
 „ He has and will deliver this letter, which if
 „ long and tedious I cannot help, not having
 „ the faculty of saying so much in fewer words
 „ Nor judging it fit for me to be less plain,
 „ in a matter of so important concern to my
 „ Native country, and the company where in
 „ I have the honour to be an Adventurer from

„the beginning, besides should I make any ap-
 „logie , the transgression should be thereby
 „aggravated, so I shall only add, that I am,
 „with all affection to my country and the
 „company (both which God prosper) and with
 „all due respect

RIGHT HONOURABLE.

Your most humble and obedient
 Servant

J. B.

P. S.

„S Ince writing what's on the preceeding
 „pages, I have providentially got a letter
 „of 3. December last, from *Captain Samuel Vetch*
 „at *New York* to his brother *Captain William*
 „*Major Cunningham* and *Captain Drummond*,
 „whereby I cannot conceive that the writer,
 „doth so much as understand himself concern-
 „ed, in the intromissions with the company's
 „ships and goods at *New York*, though *Captain*
 „*Drummond* doth positively aver that *Vetch* had
 „the sole management, and was the only
 „Intrometter. what *Mr. Paterson* will say I
 „know not. But it is not probable he had
 „great trust from the other two, seeing by
 „all I could ever learn he and they made two
 „factions, for which he gets an ill character
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„in *Vetches* first letter, who I see would be
 „glad of some more handling. Such methods
 „surpass my understanding, If honesty be at
 „the bottom God turn all to good and bring
 „order out of such confusion and disorder.

Thursday 1. March.

P. S.

„S Ince the *Falmouths* sailing is very uncer-
 „tain, I dare not adventure, on transcrib-
 „ing so long a letter, Other wise, I should
 „not be so unmannerly, as to make Post-
 „scripts. *Dr. Blair* has been pleased this day
 „to give me l. 20. current money of *Jamaica*,
 „and would (if I had called for it) have given
 „me more, Because One *Mr. Jenkins* the
 „Kings *Navall Officer* promised to refund
 „him what he advanced me, Out of the ef-
 „fects he received by order of the Gover-
 „nour, from on board the *St. Andrew*, I have
 „given the *Dr.* receipt for what he gave me.
 „I continue as above.

J. B.

A Copy of Mr. Daniel Mackay's order.

Mr. JAMES BYRES.

„Having account of a resolution taken by the
 „Councillon board the *Rising-sun*, of sending
 „you with the two flyboats, And at least one
 „half

„ half of the souldiers belonging to the Colony,
 „ to be disperfed by you at *Jamaica*, upon some
 „ certain conditions not mentioned. There
 „ for and by vertue of the power and instruc-
 „ tions to me given by the *Right Honorable the*
 „ *Indian and African Company* of *Scotland* I do
 „ hereby command and require you upon sight
 „ hereof, to repair without delay with the men
 „ and ships above mentioned, under your con-
 „ duct to the Colony of *Caledonia*, where you
 „ and they shall know the further pleasure of
 „ the said Company. And this you are requir-
 „ ed to do, as you shall be answerable, not on-
 „ ly to the Company, but also to your coun-
 „ try. This order you are to show to the Cap-
 „ tains of the forsaide ships And by vertue of this
 „ order require them, to obey you herein, as
 „ they likewise shall be answerable as aforesaid.
 „ In testimony whereof these presents are sub-
 „ scribed at *Port-Royall* in *Jamaica*, this 12 .
 „ February 1700. Directed.

For, *Mr. James Byres*, Or in his absence to
Captain Duncan and *Dalen* or either of them,
 Or the next *Commanding Officers* of the
 ships, the *D. of Hamilton*, and *Hope of*
Borrostonness,

Captain Samuell Vetch, his letter from *New-*
York dated 3^d December 1699, to his Bro-
 ther *Captain William Vetch*, Major *Cun-*
ningham, and *Captain Thomas Drummond*.

D: B.

New-York Sept. 20th. 1699.

D : B.

„ **T**He strange providences , that I have
 „ been witness to , and in some measure
 „ partaker of , since I saw you , and which have
 „ concurred to my coming hither , have made
 „ me often say with the psalmist , *that his ways*
 „ *are in the deep waters* And *his paths past finding*
 „ *out*. Oh how small a part of him is known
 „ here ! Though most of them have been very
 „ dark and cloudy dispensations , which have
 „ proven fatall to many , yet I am forced to ac-
 „ knowledge that His mercie is above all his
 „ works , and his loving kindnes past expression
 „ to me wards , I find by experience still more
 „ and more , that piety is the best policie , and
 „ sincere honesty the best way to honour. The
 „ bearer *Captain Drummond* my intire Come-
 „ rade , and whom I earnestly recommend to
 „ make yours , is a person with whom , and with
 „ his brother the *Captain* of the *Caledonia* , I have
 „ had a particular intimacie ever since , we left
 „ *Scotland* , and to both of whom , I owe as
 „ much as to a brother , and must acknowledge
 „ to both their praises that the better I am ac-
 „ quanted with them , the more I discover the
 „ honesty of their intentions , and their particu-
 „ lar qualifications , in their different stations to
 „ serve this interest. For the bearer hereof I
 must

„ must say it, without disparagement to any of
„ us, though I am sory there were so few who
„ came along with us, of whom I have any
„ thing that's advantageous to say, that he has
„ done more for promoting this interest, then
„ all that have come out of *Scotland*. Yet, and
„ should I say, that he still is capable to do more,
„ then any should come in halt, it would be no
„ Hyperbole, for besides his capacity in giving
„ good advice, his singular application to busi-
„ nes, his indefatigableness in action and exercise
„ together with his Univerfall Mechanicall
„ genius, with his particular skill in fortification,
„ gunnerie and Navigation, have carved him
„ out purposely for this undertaking. His pre-
„ sent expedition in so small a sloop on such an
„ uncertainty, is a singular testimony of his
„ zeal for the cause. He will inform you, how
„ we have been circumstantiat with *Paterfons*
„ knavery or folly or both, and every thing going
„ cross with us here, he can also inform you about
„ every body you will ask for. I shall I believe,
„ be here all winter, at least, till a return come
„ from him or you. I am sure I can do more
„ service here then at home, If you resettle
„ the place, faile not to send by the first a bill of
„ at least l. 2000. drawn in *Thomas Winham* and
„ *Stephen D'lancys* name, and addressed to me for
„ a fund for what you may need from hence, for
„ it is from hence you must be supported, God
him-

„ himself Direct Counsell and prosper you, in all
 „ your undertakings and send us a good account
 „ of you, and a blyth meeting is the earnest prayer
 „ of, Your Affectionate Brother.

Signed *Samuell Vetch.*

On 3^d March the *Falmouth* sailed And from that time till 7th I was taken with a pain in my head and feverish fits. However on 7th I went down to *Withy-wood* by the *St. Andrews* long boat. The first night after my arrivall at *Withy-wood* (being ready to set out for *Caledonia* next day on board the sloop) there came an expresse to me at Midnight, from *Mr. Daniell Mackay* at *Port-royall*, advising me that on board the *Speedy Return*, in which he came from *Scotland*, he had been off *Golden-Island*, but was chased back by the *Spaniards* who blocked up *Caledonia Bay*, and therefor desiring I might come to *Port-royall*, that measures might be concerted, for our behaviour in this juncture. Accordingly I returned immediatly by the same *Wherry* which brought me the letter, and next day arrived again at *Port-royall* about three of the clock afternoon. While *Mr. Mackay* and I lay at *Port-royall* waiting till the *Speedy Return* was careen'd *Captain Thomas Hamilton* arrived there from *Caledonia* on board a small sloop, which stole out in the night time, and by him I got letters from the Council advising, that 200. of our men had attacked the *Spaniards* in their

their trenches and defeat them near to *Sancta Maria*, the said 200 men were commanded by *Captain Alexander Campbell* of *Fonab* who arrived a few days ere the Colony was blocked up, in a floope with provisions from *Barbados*, and that they had bought from *Mr. Sarle* *Supercargo* of the *Jamaica Briganteen* which was in *Caledonia Bay* when I left it, 150 barrells of flower, and given *Mr. Sarle* bills on *Dr. Blair* for the value, being 2100 pss $\frac{1}{2}$ and sent him bills on the Directors for his reimbursement.

On receipt of this letter *Mr. Mackay* and I waited on the *Dr.* who would do nothing less, as acquaint the Governour, that he had received letters from the *Scots Colony*, seing, if he should be otherwise informed there of, the concealling it would be criminall in him, and so ruine him, and accordingly he went and showed the Councils letters to the Governour, but after all would not pay the bills drawn on him, Because he was mistaken of the letter of advice, whereby both *Mr. Mackay* and he thought the value 12100 sterling, which I had no suspicion of, only discourfing of the matter one day I overheard *Mr. Mackay* and him speaking of the greatnes of the summe, which gave me a fair occasion, of undeceiving them, as to the value of the bills, which indeed was plaine enough by the letters sent the *Doctor*. I found that *Mr. Mackay* had most interest with the *Doctor* and therefor I desisted from

from persuading him, and *Mr. Mackay* and he agreed, that he should not pay the bills drawn on him, but that they should be destroyed, and these he had on the Directors indorsed to the *Merchants* concerned in the *Briganteen* and *Cargo*, by the *Doctor*, which was accordingly done and the *Merchants* were well enough pleased, as also was the *Doctor*, for he thought he had done a favour to the Company without engaging himself; for he thought his endorsing the bills payable to himself, did not at all bind him to those who had them, in case of non payment by the Company's *Casbeer*, as you will perceive by what follows in relation to the *Doctor*. Meantime (though I always knew that the *Doctor* was no great friend to the Company) I signed the following letter to the court of Directors in relation to these bills together with *Mr. Mackay*, and in it for the merchants exoneration and the *Doctors* safety at the Governments hands, We behooved to advise that the flower was taken by the *Colony* from the *Mr* of the *Briganteen* against his will, though indeed he was very willing to sell the same, having made an offer of it ere I left the *Colony*, though we had not any thing to give him for it. the letter follows.

RIGHT HONOURABLE.

Port-royall in Jamaica 11th. March
1700.

„**H**OW both of us come to be here at this time
 „you will know by another hand. What
 „we have to advise in this letter, is that on 4th.
 „February last, A *Briganteen* loaded with pro-
 „visions belonging to *Jamaica*, was put into
 „*Caledonia* harbour, and the Councill having
 „more then ordinary occasion for the provi-
 „sions, made no scruple to take them against
 „the *Masters* will, who pretended he could
 „not supply us because of the Kings proclama-
 „tions to the contrary. The Councill gave him
 „bills for the value being pss \pounds 2100. on *Dr.*
 „*John Blair*, and sent *Ditto. Blair* bills for the
 „equivalent on your *Casheer*. He would have wil-
 „lingly honoured the Councills bills: But
 „that the Government of this place, is so strict
 „in the matter that neither he nor any body
 „else, can be safe to have any manner of corre-
 „spondence or dealing with our Colony,
 „However the *Dr.* having indorsed his said
 „bills to the *Gentlemen* concerned in the *Brigan-*
 „*teen* or their order, we doubt not but you'll
 „be pleased to order their payment, and the
 „rather, because the supply though Acciden-
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at *Edinburgh.*

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„tall was very seasonable , and which we hope
„under God shall be a great meanes of the *Co-*
„*lony's* safety, who were blocked up , about
„ten days thereafter. Referring you, for what
„has since hapned , to the Councils letters
„by *Captain Hamilton*, we remain as becomes
„us.

R. H.

Your Humble Servants.

I. B. D. M.

Captain *Thomas Drummond* came on board the sloop with *Hamilton* from *Caledonia*, being ordered by the Council to go for *Scotland* and answer for his Management and intromissions. I thought then, as I do yet, that the turning *Drummond* loose , and leaving it to himself , to go home or not as he pleased very unaccountable. And J'm sure it will be thought no better step in the Directors at home , after he came home not to have taken an exacter account of him then they did. Instead of entertaining him, they ought to have procured just sentence against him , for such breach of trust, and unaccountable dealings as I think he is beyond all contraversty guilty of.

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tain Drummond, whereby he caught one of the *sharks* and they haled it on board. Meantime *Mr. Mackay* standing on the poop, spied another, and while he was calling to the ships boy to bring him a peice of beef for a bate, turning himself about, he dropt over board and was never seen again. They threw over immediatly after him the plank on which was the *hogs* quarter, the ship being brought in the *stays*: they also put out their boat, and rowed to and again for him, more then an hour, but all in vain, for nothing of him or belonging to him could be seen or found but his hat, so we reckoned that the *shark* took him down beneath the water.

On 28th. we made land near the *Island of Forte*. On 29 we came to Anchor, a little to the eastward of *Cape Tiburn*, and *Captain Drummond*, *David Kennedy* and I with some others went a shoar, and sent a letter by *Indians* to the Councill of the Colony, desiring they might keep a light on the *Look out* in the night time, for directing us how to get in, and advising (Because we feared the letter might be intercepted by the *Spaniards*) that large succours and supplies were coming from *Scotland* and might dayly be expected, viz: the *Three men of war*, built for defence of our trade, and the two big ships built at *Hamburgh* by the Company.

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This letter was really intercepted by the *Spaniards*, and their *Generall Piemento*, after the capitulation, which was on 31. March, acknowledged that his getting that letter made him give the Colony more favourable terms then he would have given them, as I was informed by some Gentlemen, who heard him say so.

On 30. we saw two sails in *Carret-Bay*, the one a *sloop* the other a *briganteen*, this Bay is the next (Eastward) to the *Bay of Caledonia*, and lyes exactly twixt it and the place where on 29. we went a shoar.

On 31. being *Sunday*, twixt five and six of the clock in the morning, four or five leagues to the eastward of *Cape Tiburn* we spied a vessell to the wind-ward, which about seven of the clock came up with us. She was Spanish of burdentwixt 150. to 200. Tuns, with 16. Mounted guns, she at first fired pretty briskly, both great and small shot, but wounded only our sails and did us no other prejudice. We in the meantime both from the ship and sloop fired our great guns as nimbly as we could, but I believe did as little harme to the *Spaniards* as they did to us, for being to the windward of us they came not so near us as they might have done, so we fired but few smal shots; the engagement lasted from seven till half hou

past eight in the morning, at which time the Spaniard tacked and sailed toward *Golden Island*. And we continued our course along the shoar, which in the day time we were always obliged to do, that we might ly under the land, and wait an opportunity of getting into our Colony in the night.

And accordingly this same night we attempted to get in, and thinking ourselves up with *Golden Island*, we stood in close with the land (our floope being fore most, but discovering no entry (being then the wane of the moon) and fearing that we should run a shoar, also discovering some rocks hard by us which we could not understand, there being none such about *Golden Island*, I caused lay the floope by that we might speake the *Speedy Return*: But instead of speaking us, they had almost run us down, I will not say they designed it, and only telling us they took the land next us to be *Golden Island*. They past us, and got twixt the rocks already mentioned and the land, so that we reckoned the ship had struck, having got out her Anchor and taken down all her sails: But a little there after perceiving her under sail, standing out to the sea, we endeavoured to meet her, but could not, so we lost Company of her, and stood to the eastward finding we were past *Godlden Island*.

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On Munday 1. April, we made *Golden Island* with fair sun-shine, bearing directly west of us, and against eleven of the clock at night came up with it, but when we came under the land, the Shadow of the hills and trees darkened us so, that we could spy no kind of entry, and therefor were obliged to stand out again to the sea. *Ninian Warden*, who was master of the sloop, declaring that it was impossible for him to take her in by any means, seeing he could never have a better opportunity then he had this night, untill there were moon light.

We were hopefull to have found the *Speedy Return*, but being disappointed in that, we knew not what to think, whether she had fallen into the Spaniards hands, or by *Captain Drummonds* direction got into *Caledonia*. But finding thereafter that she was got in, the same night she had almost run us down, I was very suspicious that *Captain Drummond* designedly left us in an unknown place, where *Mr Warden* never was befor that time. Thus having scarce so much provisions on board our sloop, as could reasonably be thought sufficient to carry us back to *Jamaica*, and neither being able to lurk on the coast till Moonlight, nor though we had could we have done the Colony any other service, than to come in to them empty and so discourage them, I ordered

Mr. Warden to direct his course for *Jamaica*. Meantime by lying two nights on the deck of the sloop I contracted a cold which did cast me into a violent fever. However by the good providence of God, on 14. *April*, we arrived safely at *Withywood* in *Jamaica*, where I was taken a shoar in a very bad condition. Sometime thereafter my fever left me, and I was seized with an Ague.

On 3. May some Pyrats got aboard, and carried away the sloop, Through the Masters carelesnes, for I was informed of some bad designs, and therefor I sent for the *Master*, And gave him strict orders that no strangers should be allowed to come on board. But these Rogues not agreeing among themselves, returned with the sloop and left her where they found her.

All the damage they did on board was to my self, for they made very homely with some things belonging to me. I was afterwards put to much trouble and some charges, in prosecuting some of these Rogues who were apprehended, But could not find so much credit for money, on the company's account, as to get ought done to purpose. However I wrote to the Governour concerning them, and they were carried up to *Spanish town* to be tried at the *sessions*.

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After this nothing remarkable occurred, till I went down to *Blew-fields* where our ships lay, after the surrender of the Colony.

On 7th. June my Ague having left me, I went down to *Blew-fields* where our ships lay, there I got an account of the *Articles of Capitulation* with the Spaniards, which were indeed better, then any body, who knew the Colony's circumstances so well as I did could have expected. Not being directly concerned to justify or condemn the Capitulation, I shall only say, that had some of those Angry satyricall Gentlemen and Valiant people over a bottle at home, been in *Caledonia*, they would have left it, on as bad if not worse terms.

And seing there are But very few in the nation, who ever had the means of knowing matters in relation to our Colony as they really were, and perhaps most of those who had the means not having duely used them, I think modesty and forbearing to censure the wisest behaviour, being the best cover of their ignorance.

At *Blew-fields* Dr. Blair of *Jamaica* desired I should sign a *Mortgage* on the *St. Andrew* for his reliefe of the value of the 2100 pss; for which he had indorsed bills. But I told him the *St. Andrew* was not mine neither had I any directions concerning her. The Dr. had procured a licence to *Captain Vetch*, for
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selling to the value of 1400 to 1500. For providing the ships in their voyage to *Scotland*. But because he inclined to have a good bargain of the ships arms (there being little else vendible on board) he said though *Vetch* and *Captain Gibson* were allowed to sell no person But himself could buy. But when I threatned to write to the Governour concerning this, he past from his pretentions: though after all, in Company with *Ephraim Pilkington* of *Port-Royall*, he bought twixt 1300. a l. 400. value, As cheap as the prices mentioned in the *Invoices*.

I know there was fault found with me, for not meddling in the disposal of the goods sold, But though I own that I was present at the sales, I think I was in the right for not being a seller.

The Court of Directors had named a new Council for the Colony, I was not named; It was my Priviledge to sit and vote in *Caledonia* as a member of the Council of the company, not so in *Jamaica*: but though it had been so, Priviledge in my opinion is very different from duty, except it be understood with relation to ones self, and then few are out of their duty otherwise then through mistake.

I did incur the displeasure of a great many of the *Land Officers* for not delivering to them, the

the Ships Arms for subsistence, but I chused that rather, than the incurring the censure of the Directors, who have been so often cheated, that they suspect all who deale with them, and I thought my self safest every way in not meddling. I do not say that either *Captain Gibson* or *Captain Vetch*, who are both dead, did any thing unworthy of honest men. God forbid I should, but through *Captain Drummonds* means, they agreed not very well, and yet I know, that *Captain Vetch* was very fait hfull, and laid out all he received on the company's goods, duely for the mens provisions. And *Captain Gibson* gave all along too great proofs of his integrity, to have his memory so disregarded, by those he served with so much zeal.

I shall here subjoine the Account which I gave in to *Captain William Vetch* in *Jamaica*, which the Directors now have in their hands. And then I have done with the plain Narrative of all my meddling and intromissions except what concerns the *Rysing Sun*, which (some wise people say) is a buccaneering for my account, Or else (they know not which) sold to the Spaniards, or certainly the ship and all aboard were sold by me, at *Carolina*. For these things being reported, I might appeale to the small relicks of conscience they have, who either have reported them, or taken them
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on trust, and carried the lie forward, but the proof lying naturally on the affirmer, I should be glad to know the man, would burden himself with it. I could name some who are men (If outward shape can serve to denominat them such) who have spoken such falsehoods, but because they'll be sufficiently punished by reflection on their own Malice or follie, I'll save my pains, and leave them, to save their own reputation If they can. And so I proceed to the state of account twixt the Council of *Caledonia* and me. The Directors (if they please) may confirm themselves *executors ad omnia*.

The Right Honourable the Councill of Caledonia. 95

A^o: 1700

Dr.

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Febr.	20	To Cash for charges and fresh provisions at Blackriver.	1:05:-
	22	To Ditto spent on my arrivall at Withywood.	0:10:-
	24	To Do. spent on my journey to Port-royall overland 42 Myles,	1:10:-
	25	To Do. p'd Coach-hyre to Spanish-town when I went to wait on the Governour.	1:05:-
March	2	To Do. advanced William Gellie when he went for England; on his way to Scotland with the Councills letters	3:00:-
	7	To Do. p'd the Crew of the St. Andrews boat for bringing me to Withy-wood, with their provisions &c.	3:05:-
	19	To Do. for blocks Marline and twyne besyde what Captain Pattone afforded.	1:00:-
		To Do. pd charges on my returning after my having gone back to Port royall to Mackay.	1:11:-
		To Do. pd Captain Hamilton, who went home with letters	10:00:-
		To Do. pd for Medicins, which Mackay took on board	20:14:-
		To Do. pd by Dr. Blair to And: Caldwellalls and William Gelly	20:00:-
Nota, for the 3 last Articles and 15: more, in all 1. 55- 14: Mr. Mackay and I gave the Dr. receipt.			
		To Do. for provisions put on board the sloop for my self &c.	3:00:-
		To a pair of Linnen sheets for ane ensigne.	0:15:-
Aprill	14	To Cash given David Kenedy for dofraying his charges to Spanish town, for waiting on the Governour, and thence to Port-royall, to get money from Dr. Blair (I my self being very sick of a fever and Ague).	2:15:-
	20	To Do. payd a Constable for searching after two seamen who run away.	0:03:9
		To Do. given to the St. Andrews boats crew, for bringing down flower and beef for the sloop's use.	0:10:-
		To Do. given said crew for going to Old harbour for getting account of the companys ships said to be come in there.	1:05:-

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T o the summe of the debit on page 95		72:08:9
To Cash given Ninian Warden Master of the sloop		9:05:-
To Do. for £8 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ Tallow at 12		205:6;
£8 23 Cassava-bread		105:0-
One Bushell of peese		005:0-
for the sloop and the Crew.		3:5:6
To Do. for my own charges at Port-Royall, from 24. February to 20. March inclusive at 1 p diem		24:00:
To Do. for two barrells of flower weighing lib 407 at 25 pp.		5;01:7 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Do. for two barrells of beef at 35 pp barrell. Bosh beef and flower being for the sloop crew		3:10:-
To one Hogshead of Meale furnished the Colony containing $\frac{1}{4}$ boalls at 113:6:8 scors per boll		3:12:2 $\frac{1}{2}$
To 1 Cask of french barley containing 370 at 1. p		3:14:-
To Cash pd for Ensigne Alexander Gordon, who came by starks ship.		4:10:-
To Do. for John Wallaces funerall expences		3:05:7 $\frac{1}{2}$
To Do. pd for my lodgeing, dyot and other necessarrys at Withywood from 4 Apryle to 7 June		27:00:-
In the current Money of Jamaica summa.	l 160:02:8 $\frac{1}{2}$	
Blewfields in Jamaica 19th. July 1700.		

The Honourable the Council of Caledonia. 97

A_o: 1700

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febr. 7	By Cash received in Caledonia 5 guineas.	6: 05: -
March 19	By Disso. from Dr. Blair at Jamaica per receipt	30: 00: -
	By Do. per Mr. Mackay and my own receipt to Do.	
	Blair as per contra.	55: 14: -
Aprile	By Do per David Kenedys receipt.	33: 11: 7½
July.	By Do. from Captain William Vetch per receipt.	15: 00: -
In the current Money of Jamaica, summa		<u>l. 140: 10: 7½</u>

To adjust the matter

The Council Dr	160: 02: 8½
The Council Cr.	140: 10: 7½
Ballance	<u>019: 12: 1½</u>

Which mony by Ballance (Errours and omissions Excepted) was all charged on the Colony, nor could any contradict the charge, all being sensible that it was just.

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By the State of this account it is obvious my interest lay more in Medling with the Company's effects then in keeping my self free, because I could have had retention of the ballance due to my self, If I had Medled, But for the reasons already mentioned I thought fit to overlook that.

The account I have given of all the Company and Colonies busines I was concerned in, is so true, that whatever be the Malice of some of the Directors or others, I'm sure they can never be able to disprove the things mentioned by me, so that I need not extort certificats or declarations in absence. If ever this be published there are as many living Witnesses of good reputation as will maintain its truth without solicitation.

I know there has been great noise of a letter written by *Mr. Alexander Sheels* one of the Colony's Ministers, wherein there are said to be strange stories. But these being to me so strange indeed, that I know them not, I shall say nothing concerning them, only If I had ever had them from a good hand, I could easily answer them. Because I reserve any remarks I am to make till the whole Narrative be concluded, I shall proceed to give account of the Misfortune of the *Rising-sun*.

Having no concern in the Management of the Colonies busines since I came from *Caledonia* in

February I resolved to come for *Scotland* by the *Rising-sun* that I might answer, as I promised in my letters by *William Gellie* for what I had done abroad, knowing that they who are most guilty, are always ready to build their own reputation, on the ruine of other mens credit.

On 21st *July* we sailed from *Blew-fields* in *Jamaica*. But the *Speedy Return* and *Hope* sailed not with us, the reason why *Captain Gibson* sailed so unexpectedly, was because his seamen deserted so fast, that he feared, he should want men to carry home the ship, the *Coxon* and four of the *pinnaces Crew* having run away on 23 who were men he had confidence in.

On 24th we saw the *Island* called *Grand Kamanos*. On 28 we saw the *Island of Pynes* on the coast of *Cuba*. From this time till 14th *August*, we were turning of *Cuba* to get about the *Collarados* (Rocks and sands, which ly on the east end of the *Island*) And this day at noon by observation, we were in 25th. Degree and some minuts of North latitude. In the afternoon the wind did blow strongly at. N. W. And about 12 of the clock at night all our *Masts* came by the board (the wind having come about on a sudden from N. W. to S. W.) first our *fore mast* and *Bowspreet*, then our *Main* next *Mizzen* and their *top-masts*, all in the space of 4 and 5 Minuts. Albeit we were carrying nothing but the low sails.

After all our masts were gone, our *Ensign-staf*, though there was nothing on it, by the ships flinging and force of the wind, was blown away, the *knee* of *Oake* to which it was tyed, being broken off.

Our *long-boat* and *Pinnace* were both staved to peices by the fall of the masts, two of our anchors were washen off our *bowes*. And till the morning light appeared, our *masts*, *yairds* &c. hang by the *shrowds*, and the other takling of the ship beat upon the side, in a most terrible manner. Our men being so disheartned by the suddeness of the accident, and the darknes of the night, were not able to get the ropes cut besides the ship was very ill provided with axes &c.

All our *casks*, *chefts*, *trunks*, &c. gave way, and by their tumbling from the one side of the ship to the other endangered the mens lives till we got most of them thrown over board, our lower tire of guns was (by good providence) in the *hold*, otherwise we had certainly sunk to the bottom this night.

On 15th. our men were busie, with such insufficient instruments as they had in cutting the ropes, for getting free of the *Masts* &c. And in pumping and haling out the water, which was six foot above the *Keison*. all this day it did blow very hard, and we drove with wind and current, without a block above deck.

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On 16th. our men continued pumping and carrying out the water in *hold* with buckets &c. as before, and in clearing the Deck of the peices of our boats which were staved, and of a peice of the *Main mast*, for it was broken closs by the deck, and the foot of it slyding to the *Wind-ward Gunnell* by the weight of what was above, It did again break on the *lee gunnel*, and so cumbred the deck, that we behoved to cut it in peices ere we could get it over board, and wanting blocks, the *Gunnell* by its fall was crushed to the Deck. This with the *bombs* which lay 't wixt the *quarter deck* and *Fore castle*, occasioned us much trouble. This day we got up our *Main tope masts*, *flag staf* for a *fore mast*, and a small saile fitted on it, we likewise pinched out of the *Ports* four of our *quarter deck Guns*, for the ship was like to shake in peices by rolling, we could see through her *sides* and *sterne*.

On 17th we got the ship lanchd almost, and so were in condition to allow half of the men to rest, if they could.

On 18th we got a *fore tope sail yaird*, put up in the place where the *Kepston* stood, and a sail set on it,

On 19th. we had not got our *deck* and *twixt decks* cleared of lumber, all this night we had blowing weather, so that we thought the ship should have been shaken to pieces.

On 20th the weather was easier, from this day till 23 we continued without any remarkable alteration, driving before the wind and with the current of the *gulf of florida*, and then having got the length of *Ashly* river in *Carolina*, whole latitude is 32 Deg: 40 Minuts, we espied a *Briganteen* a sterne of us, we fired several dropping guns, and made all the other signes of distress we could, besides our sad appearance without mast, which was a signe we could not conceal: But being very fowl and out of trim, she could not get up with us that night. However at night, we were spoke with by the *Mary Galley*, Captain *Stow* Commander bound from *Carolina* to *New-York*, the Captain came on board about 10 of the clock at night, and Captain *Gibson* and I, by him wrote account of our misfortune to the court of Directors, under cover to *William Troup* at *London*.

On 24th we got safely to an Anchor of *Ashly* river, albeit it was fore against Captain *Gibson's* will, for notwithstanding the condition of the ship he would fain have persuaded the men to let her drive on *Virginia*, fearing there should be too little water on the Barre here. But the seamen thought this proposall unreasonable, and with one accord dissented, so the Captain behaved to comply and drop anchor. This day the pilot came on board us and told us he was much affraid that the ship should not get in.
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Meantime the *Captain* ordered such goods, or rather trash to be removed, which hindered the getting at the ballast, and the water in *hold* to be started and pumped out for lighting the ship, which accordingly was set about. And our *Lieutenant Walter Graham* was sent to *Charlestown*, for hiring *sloops* and *Storehouses*, that the lumber in the ship might be got a shoar. None of us but his own boy went with him, all the Gentlemen, who belonged not to the ships crew, staying on board, for the encouragement of the failers to do their duty.

On 26th being *Munday*, it did blow strongly at E, and E. N. E. but most in the night time. The ships bolts giving way made such a noise all this night, that we had little expectation of seeing next morning.

On 27th *Lieutenant Graham* returned on board one of the sloops he had hired, and a little thereafter the said sloop was driven from her anchors. All this time our seamen continued Starting and pumping out the water in the *Hold* and rigging two *tope-masts* in stead of the Main and Mizan masts,

On 29th. being *thursday* *Capt Gibson* thought it convenient that I should go a shoar, for waiting on the Governour that our taking ought a shoar might not give offence nor bring us to any trouble. Meantime for the saving

of the Company's ship he continued in his former resolution of venturing forward for *Virginia*, with the two *Topemasts* he had got now rigged, because he both feared the ship could not get in and also that he could not get in *Carolina* what they needed, and therefor He and his officers declared their purpose to the whole crew at the *Barricadoe*, and pressed them with all the Arguments they could to continue their endeavours, for carrying the ship to *Virginia*, promising each of them his own bond for their Wages, and all the Officers frankly concurred. But the seamen with one voice cryed out that they would chuse rather to commit themselves to a plank, and take their hazard of getting a shoar. the *Captains* offer and the seamens refusall was twice repeated publickly, and some *Carolina-people* were witnesses. The *Captain* finding he could get them persuaded to go no further, desired that I should write to the *Court of Directors*, which I did, and he signed the letter with me, which letter giving account, as I have mentioned, lyes now in the Company's *Secretary-office*.

I having come a shoar on 29. On 30. I went to the Governours *plantation* 24. miles up the country from *Charles-town*, he was very civill, and readily granted a licence for bringing a shoar, what we pleased, he kept me at his house all night.

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On 31. I returned to *Charles-town*, where I found a sloop come from the *Rising-sun*, with twixt 70. a 80. barrells of flower, and some old rigging, and in this sloop was a chest belonging to me wherein were my linnen and papers, All the other goods I had being on board still, were lost with the ship, Except some few damnified things I sold for twixt l. 7. a l. 8. *Carolina money.*

On *Tuesday* 3. *September* there hapned a *Hurrican* or extraordinary storme of wind and rain, having blown very much last night. This morning the storme increased, the severest of it was at North; twixt eleven of the clock in the forenoon, and five of the clock afternoon, and then it began to abate, the wind having come about to the W. N. W. and N. W. It was indeed the saddest storme, I ever saw. All the ships, sloopes, boats &c. in the harbour of *Charles-town*, were all either intirely lost or hugely damnified, except an *English pink* belonging to one *Captain Evoret*, who had cut his Mast in the storm we had in the *Gulf of Florida*. Severall persons on board, some of the vessells in the harbour, were drowned, the flyboat called the *Duke of Homilton*, was bilged and sunk. The town and country suffered much, a great many houses being quite thrown down, together with the whole Fences and Pales about the feilds and gardens,

and many houses which stood out against the storm lost their roofs, the crop of ryce on the ground was much damnified. Many trees blown up by the roots, and all the roads so crossed with them, that there was no travelling till the roads were got cleared. I was informed by persons of credit in the country, that shoals of fishes were driven a shoar on the sides of the rivers dead, and really had not the wind turned somewhat to the West as above, all the town in a few hours had been certainly washed away by the waters, which the North-wind brought in so far, that a great part of the bank of the Bay or harbour was in the short time the storm lasted undermined.

In this storm the *Rising-sun* was broken to peices. Though that day the weather and rain, made such thicknes, that one could not see twenty fathoms about them, yet on *Wednesday* 4. we were convinced, (as any one who knew the condition of the *Rising-sun* might have been the first hour of the storm) that all our men were lost as well as the ship. However there were (by Gods good providence) fifteen of us a shoar, so that the account now given wants not living evidences enough. The number of those on board was one hundred precisely, among whom was *Captain Gibson* and all his *Officers* and *Crew*, save *Lieutenant Walter Graham*, four saillers

saillers and a boy. Our ship rode at Anchor in four fathom water about so many leagues distant from the shoar, my own opinion is, that she struck where she rode and broke to peices without driving, which in such a tempest and furies of the sea I think easy enough to be conceived. *Captain Gibson* entrusted *Livetennant Graham* with some mony he sent a shoar and the said *Livetennant* sold the flower, where of much was damnified, and the old rigging for l. 94. *Carelina mony*, and most of this was bestowed among the men saved, and depurged for charges, I got and gave receipt for l. 12. Such things as were cast a shoar the country people keept quiet for their own account. However I gave One *Mr. Alexander Paris* merchant in *Charles-town* a letter of *Attorney* and instructions, when I left the country to do all he could for recovering the Anchors and cables and getting satisfaction, of any who had got the goods which the sea threw in, and the court of Directors have a copy of the said *factorie* and *instructions* in the *journall* of our proceedings.

This indeed is the true, though not the common Account of what befell the *Rising Sun*, so that the said ship, is neither a buccaneering, nor sold to the Spaniards as some Malicious fools were pleased to give out, he that first made either of these false stories, has certainly
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been obliged to the father of lies for his invention, and they who reported them have been his talebearers. I think I need say no more on this head. Only I got from *Mr. James Smith (alias Sererier)* the company's dear freind l. 12. *Carolina money* to which adding the like summe l. 12. received from *Walter Graham*, the whole is l. 24. *Carolina money*. And by the accounts already mentioned there was due to me

l. 19: 12: 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ Jamaica money, which is at least

2: 18: 10 15 p: better, then *Carolina money*,

and is therefor worth of the

22: 10: 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ said money, so that the ballance

1: 09: 00 $\frac{1}{2}$ due which compleats all I ever

received, is all I have of the

24: 00: -- company, except Maletreat-

ment, for all I have undergone in their service.

How far this would go towards my maintenance three moneths in *Carolina*, paying my passage and charges home, Any reasonable man may judge and as I frequently have done I continue to bid a defiance to all the world, as to the proof of my having intrometted with more of the company's effects directly or indirectly. And I think it needles to mention my own losses.

The narrative of what was done abroad being ended, I shall mention what hapned since I returned to *Scotland*, and the true account of that, is all I need to give, either for justifying my self, or shewing what things
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are done amiss by some people who would faine be thought either infallible or absolute. When I came to London every body I met with told me such strange things, that I had not faith for half of them, one thing most people thought certain, that I durst not go to *Scotland*, except I were resolved to be hanged. This hastned me instead of hindering me: I staid only a week at London, and on the ——— day of February arrived at *Edinburgh*. At a meeting of the *Generall Council* of the Company held on the — I made my appearance, being a Councillour assumed in absence. There, after other business was ended (the *Earle Marischall* being *Preses*) I gave account of the *Rising-suns* Misfortune and with all said, that I was not ignorant of some very Malicious and unjust reports past on my self while I was absent, and that I expected any honest man whoever reported them, would now either own them to my face, or tell his author for them that I might have a fair occasion of vindicating my self, and others so unjustly wronged.

After some debate in Council, whether my answering for what I had done should be before the *Court of Directors* or *Generall Council*. it was carried, that I should wait on the *Court of Directors*, which accordingly I did, till I was as tired of them as they were of me. I received a great deal of ill language, which

I answered without dissembling my thoughts of its being so. Perhaps there was not much gained on that Score, if it be counted according to the proportion their number did bear to one.

Dr. Monro, assaulted me with his *inferences* and *consequences* out of sight of the *premisses*, he told me severall things of *Carolina*, with his wonted confidence. I judge he knew them, by being once in the *East Indies*. *Dr. Dundas* convinced me that he was Angry, and so did *Sir John Schaw* in relation to the countermanding letter of 22 September.

The resolution of carrying the men supernumerary to 500. for *Jamaica* which our Officers thought reasonable, was thought by the *Directors* (I suppose because they were not in the Colony) very unreasonable, besides the imprisoning of *Captain Thomas Drummond* and *Alexander Hamilton*, was judged very unaccountable. However in all this I pleaded, not guilty. We had many meetings at which *Captain Thomas Drummond*, was *solicitor* and *proctor-fiscall*. He had a *new Journall* written by some body or other, and a great many *Quere's* apart. It cost me pains to procure a sight of the *Quere's* though I was to answer them, at last I told them that without I saw them, I would answer none of them.

By which means I at last obtained or rather importuned them, and I will here transcribe them

at *Edinburgh.*

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them for your curiosity and the satisfaction of others, who perhaps apprehend that they contain great matters. But with all I cannot forbear advising you that the publishing them will make for the credite neither of *Captain Drummond* nor the *Directors*, nor the first because they are false and malicious, nor the other because they are indigested, little or nothing to the purpose, and so unformall, that one can hardly give them a right name, being neither properly *Queries* or *Interrogatories* nor a *Memoriall* nor *Instructions* which shews that they never concerted their Matters sufficiently, but did most things unadvisedly. However take them as they are.

A True

*A True Copy of a paper of Queries given to the
Court of Directors by Captain Drummond.*

„ **M** R. Byres having assumed the Govern-
ment in *Caledonia*, I desire he may be
examined on the following queries.

„ Art. I. At my first arrivall aboard of the
„ *Rising-sun* I found you in a strange consterna-
tion by reason of the former Colonies being
gone, you told me there was not six weeks
provisions in the fleet, and that it was your
best way to go to the adjacent Islands, and do
what you could for your selves. you know you
spoke to severall of the Captains to this effect,
and told them they should be considered ex-
traordinarily, and you further said, you were
not come to settle a Colony, but to have rein-
forced one.

„ II. The reason why *Porto-bell* was not at-
tacked, as I proposd after you had told me
there was not six weeks provisions in the fleet,
you know your answer was, that you were
not come to take in towns.

„ III. The reason why you assumed the power
as being the only Councillour, and that there
was no other there but your self, yet you was
satisfied, to continue those in the commission
although by its own words it became null, at
the dropping anchor in *Caledonia-road* you
„ know,

*Answers to the Queries given to the Court of
Directors by Captain Drummond
concerning James Byres.*

THe I. Querie or rather assertion is absolutely denied being false.

II. We were of opinion, that albeit a man who knew not where the town he minded to take lay, might possibly take it, yet he might as possibly miss his aim, and therefor thought it convenient to build Huts for our selves wherein to have shelter from the weather befor we could be in condition to make at-
taques.

III. It is denied, That the above mentioned commission, became otherwise void, on their *Arrivall* in *Caledonia Bay*, then in favours of the Councill of *Caledonia*, which was not found there and consequently the power given by the commission, could

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not

„know, upon which *Captain Vetch* and severall
 „of the *Captains* protelted against the same and
 „desired it might be inserted in the minuts.

„IV. The state of provisions being known,
 „which was six months to above 1000 men, what
 „reason had you to pers the sending all from the
 „Colony except 500 which you proposed
 „might be sent to *Jamaica*, and there disposed
 „of.

„V. It being carried in Councill by your insti-
 „gation, that all should be sent from the Colo-
 „ny except 500. who were immediatly to be sent
 „of, with three weeks provisions for *Jamaica*,
 „all the pretence you had for the same, was
 „to save victualls, for them who were to stay,
 „yet for all this pretence you detained all thote
 „who were to be sent off and gave no orders for
 „the same, till severall times I sent you intel-
 „ligence, that the enemy was on their March
 „toward us.

„VI. At the time in Councill, when I propo-
 „sed credit for the Colony, what reason had you
 „to exclame against the Directors, and while the
 „vote was passing, you several times called out
 „not to pin their faith upon another mans sleeve.
 „you assured them, there were no provisions
 „to be expected from *Scotland*, which all was
 „to discourage the *Captains* who were called to
 „to Council at that time.

„VII. The reason why you gave the men on
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not be devolved on persons they found not, and albeit *Captain Veitch* desired that he himself, *Captain Thomas Drummond*, and I might take upon us, the office of Councillours, yet the otherthree mentioned in the commission differed in opinion, as did also the plurality of the *General Meeting*, and all present signed the minuts as per the *Journall*.

IV. Refers to our letters sent to the court of Directors, and the minuts of the *General Meetings* in *Caledonia Bay*

V. I do not really understand what is demanded.

VI. In so far, as exclaiming against the Directors is alledged the same is denied, and that the allegation is false may be understood by the Councils letters, the rest of it, is as false, for I always gave all the reasonable encouragement I could.

VII. The allowance was restrained ere the
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„your voyage , full allowance , and as soon ,
 „as you set the men to work , shortned their
 „provisions , neither did you let any body know
 „whom you was to send away , all which occa-
 „sioned great discontent and grumblings , a-
 „mong the people , every one saying , what
 „reason had they to work or build Huts for o-
 „thers , they not knowing whether they were
 „to stay or go.

„VIII. When it was condescended what
 „Officers, were to be sent away , it will ap-
 „pear , they were the only men , who were for
 „taking in of towns , as you still termed it ,
 „as also any others who appeared for the interest
 „of the Colony , yea your envy run so much a-
 „gainst the forementioned , that you would
 „not allow some of them to stay , Although they
 „offered to reduce themselves and carry arms in
 „those Companys you designed to keep.

„VIII. Why would you not allow me 150
 „men , of those that were to be sent to *Jamai-*
 „*ca* , although I offered that each man should
 „sign under his own hand , that he should not
 „be further troublesome , to the Colony , till
 „they were in condition to receive them.

„X. Upon what head you intercommuned
 „me , and all those , who came from *New-*
 „*York* , in the Companys sloop with me , and
 „kept my self close prisoner for six weeks.

voyage ended though not so much, as at the *Generall Meeting* of 4th. December, by *Captain Drummonds* own motion, and as to the crime of not naming the planters till the flyboats should be ready, we thought it a peice of good conduct; assuring our selves that those who were to go would not willingly help those who were to stay in building Huts, unless all were at an uncertainty in that matter, and all our design, was to prevent a mutiny.

VIII. It is answered that the nomination, of those to be sent to *Jamaica*, being referred to the Councill they used their best judgement therein.

IX. Our reasons against *Captain Drummonds* propositions in this query were, that not seeing the same practicable with our own eyes, we cared not for being accessory to the murder of 150. men more or less, beside the *General Meeting* having ordered them off, the Councill could not stop them: and indeed it looked like an ill design in *Captain Drummond* to propose the same, as we feared that it might bring us in greater difficulties with the English Government, and raise a clamour that we were come to pyrate or buccaneer.

X. The confinements ordered were for preventing the growth of desertion, as is plain, by the depositions in *Campbells processe*, befor the Councill of warr.

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XI. Cap-

„XI. Why you seized the Companys sloop
„and Cargo and my own effects , without
„giving me any receipt for the same or allowing
„any to take it off my hand befor you sent me
„to prison.

„XII. The reason why you would not im-
„ploy *Captain Stewart* who offered his ser-
„vice to the Colony and offered to go and
„fetch provisions , and the reason why
„you was so barbarous to those poor failers ,
„which I had brought alongst , you not allow-
„ing them any provisions , so that they were
„obliged to shift among the Natives , and
„continued so till they had the occasion of an
„English sloop , which brought them off , some
„time after the *Fort* was delivered up.

„XIII. Upon what head you seized *Captain*
„*Ker* , your Engeneer and several other of the
„Officers , and particularly *Mr. Alexander Ha-*
„*milton* , whom you made prisoner , and for
„near six weeks time did not allow him , any
„provisions and that he behoved to go from
„the Colony , but not his effects with him ,

XI. *Captain Drummonds* effects being only sequestrated, there was no need of granting receipts, but even how far the things he called his effects were really his own, is to be learned from my representation, and his own subscribed account given in with it to the court of Directors.

XII. Refers to the Councils *letters* and *Minutes* of the *General Meetings* as to our endeavours for provisions. And as to the seamen, who came along with *Captain Drummond*, provisions were never refused them, though indeed they pretended to set up for themselves independent of the Colony; and that they lived better than any company of double their number, was well enough known to all the Colony.

XIII. *Alexander Hamilton* had not only provisions, but even extraordinary allowance during his confinement, because we knew he would be pinched by the bill of fare, the Council likewise thought *Do. Hamilton* and *Captain Ker* their confinement conducive to the tranquillity of the Colony. And as to *Mr. Hamiltons* effects, they were never denied him, except about 8 a 10 gallons of brandy, for which we promised him either bills or effects, both which he refused, then we desired him to sell it to the best account he could and that it might be equally shared, we told him, to sell none to any *Officer* without his bringing a ticket from us.

XIV. When the owners of the *New-England* sloop, which was qualified, offered the provisions which they had aboard, and that they would go and fetch more, and they offered to take bills drawn on, *Mr. Borlands*, at that time you refused saying those bills would return on your selves, but some days thereafter you granted the said bills for the sloop and Cargo, but would not imploy the said people to bring any provisions to the Colony.

XV. Seing it was carryed that the half of the men was to settle, what reason had you, for not allowing the *Fort* to be put in a posture of defence, but you always was saying, that you would fight all the Spaniards, you should see there.

XVI. What reason had you, to vilipend the Indians and to make them appeare little, still saying, that they were no better then a parcell of Monkies, and that their friendship was not worth, although I had begged several times, they should carry fair with the Indians, knowing very well, we could not secure our settlement without their friendship.

XVII. After you had bought the *New-England-sloop* and having another sloop, the reason why none of them were sent for provisions, nor an account of your resettlement to the court of Directors.

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XIV. I never heard of the offer alledged to have been made by the owners of the *sloop the society*, but though I had neither *Fulton* nor *Porterfeild* appeared to be men worthy of any trust, because after finishing the bargain for their *sloop* and *cargo* they were so jealous of one anothers honesty, that they were severall days befor they came to any resolution, to whom the bills they were to get should be made payable, and at last the one not daring to trust the other, the bills were made payable according to their shares in the adventure, which was but a small encouragement for the giving credit to, or employing them.

XV. It is denied for the men were made to work too much rather then too litle, in building and fortifying.

XVI. I do declare and' tis well known, that no person in the Colony shewed more kindnes to the *Indians* then my self, and if ever I squandered any of the company's effects, it was what I gave and procured to be given to the *Indians*.

XVII. There was no time lost in advising the Directors of our proceedings.

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XVIII. The-

XVIII. Seeing the Officers at the Generall-Councill, frankly offered their effects for supplying the Colony, the reason why it was not accepted of.

XIX. The reason why *Mr. Byres* sent a bad account of the Colony, and while there, still discouraging the people which makes it appear he had no design to stay there, for the whole time he was there, he had not been a pistoll shot from the shore side, so that he could not be capable to give any account of the situation and soile of the said place.

XX. Why you left the Colony and went to *Jamaica*, after you had been the occasion of all the discontents, and the hinderer of the *Forts* being repaired, and that you would not beleive the enemy was on their march, on purpose, you might shake your head out of the halter, and the misfortune, which must inevitably follow, after the mismanagements which you principally was the occasion of.

XXI. The reason why you returned back with the Companys sloop to *Jamaica*, after you saw me with the Companys ship the *Speedy* return in Danger, you pretend you wanted provisions but you had enough to carry you to *Jamaica*, but not for three hours, about which time, I entered into *Caledonia*, you also pretended, the master would not carry the sloop down, but the Master *Ninian Warden* declared before his

XVIII. There was no occasion for the Officers effects which (though there had) were but inconsiderable, and in the case of *Mr. Hamilton* who made indeed the first offer of contribution, we had an instance, of what might have been leaned to that way.

XIX. I sent home a true account of the Colony, according to my knowledge, and am very sory it was not a better account; indeed my travells were not great, but *Captain Drummond*, forgets himself, for instead of the distance of a pistoll shot, I have been in his own company with *Major Lindsay* further then cannon-shot from the Fort.

XX. The one end of this assertion answers the other for if I belived there was no danger, (in *Captain Drummonds* phrase a halter) there was no occasion to get out of it. Moreover my going to *Jamaica* was by common advice and for the company's and Colonys service..

XXI. It is altogether denied, and *David Kenedy* son to *Sir Thomas Kenedy* who was on board the sloop with me, is a living witnes of my good endeavours, and of what provisions were on board the sloop.

XXII. The

„ his death, that you forced him away, offering
 „ to break his head with a bullet of wood and
 „ threatningly told him, was not he to obey
 „ you, and one of the men, who was at the helme
 „ deserted as soon as they came to *Jamaica*,
 „ *Mr. Byres* having sworn, that he would
 „ cause hang him, for offering to take the
 „ Masters part.

„ XXII. Why you did not use your Autho-
 „ rity in *Jamaica*, to get away the Companys
 „ ships, but you and them continued there
 „ disposing of your own effects, whereas there
 „ was no other occasion, for your staying there,
 „ so I may justly say you have been the losse of the
 „ whole fleet.

„ XXIII. After it was condescended that I
 „ should have the Companys sloop, to go to
 „ the Wind-ward Islands fearing any of the
 „ Companys ships should be Misfortunat for
 „ want of intelligence, the reason why you
 „ would not allow what was necessary, for fit-
 „ ting out of the said sloop, so that she was
 „ left, I not being capable my self to fit her,
 „ so that I count the said sloop lost also to the
 „ Company.

„ XXIV. Upon what head you went away
 „ with the *Rising-Sun*, without taking the rest
 „ of the ships alongst with you, having sailed
 „ two days sooner, then the time you had ap-
 „ pointed the fleet to sail on.

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XXII. The reasons why I exerted not as a Councillour in *Jamaica*, are contained in my representation, (whereof I shall subjoin the copy) and my own busines was very small, for I sold no more then cleared my charges on the *Island*, and all my other goods were lost. Who hindered the *Rising-sun* from sailing is plain by my representation already mentioned, in relation to the company's brandy by the *Dundees* ship, and the court of Directors letters by the *said ship* which were denied me.

XXIII. This falls to the ground, if I had reason for not exerting as a Conncellour, as I I think I had, a man that should not exert, cannot be blamed for giving place to others.

XXIV. *Captain Gibson* not I fixed the day of sailing, why he sailed sooner than was first resolved on was the fear of his mens deserting. Nor did he steal away 99. See page.

This is the substance of the answers I made to the forementioned Queries, most of the answers are word for word, and that they are not all so, is owing to the illegall course the court of Directors took for robbing me of my papers, and among the rest, of some *Minutes* befor themselves, whereof I had copies. What is not fully answered here, can be retorted and answered from the preceeding Relation, and from a copy of a *Representation* given in to the Court of Directors, in relation to *Captain Thomas Drummond* and it was as followeth Viz.

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„ The Lettrs sent home by the councill on
 „ board the *Rising sun* 23. December 1699. 3. and
 „ 29. February 1700. Together with the *Four-*
 „ *nall* written by the *Captain* himself, give so
 „ full account of what concerns his Manage
 „ ment and intromissions at *Caledonia*, *New-*
 „ *York* and *St. Thomas*, that I shall need only
 „ recapitulat a little, and by so doing 'twill
 „ appear there were many cogent reasons,
 „ against the admitting of the *Captain* into any
 „ new trust, untill he had given satisfaction con-
 „ cerning the old.

„ I. I shall desire that the credentialls in
 „ in his favours by *Captain Samuel Vetch*, and
 „ *Mr. Paterson* may be considered, and herein it
 „ will be convenient to consider their chara-
 „ cters, in so far, as can be understood from
 „ their own writings, *Captain Drummond* in his
 „ Journall, now in *Mr. Machenzies* hands gives
 „ an account of a plot in the Councill (to
 „ which all save *Mr. Paterson* and himself were
 „ consenting,) for carrying to *Amsterdam* all
 „ the Company's ships and effects and selling
 „ them there, for their own account, and di-
 „ viding the proceeds among them, but how these
 „ two dissenters came to out vote three or more,
 „ and could not as well stop the Colonies de-
 „ sertion, as this designed cheat, is not to me
 „ intelligible, except by what follows of the
 „ management at *New-York*. Next *Captain Sa-*
 „ *muel*

„ *muell Vetch* in a letter to his brother *William* , gives *Mr. Paterſon* the character of fool
„ and *knave* or both , whereby 'tis pretty plain
„ what faith ought to have been given to *Captain Drummond* , without credentialls from
„ other hands.

„ 2. Conſidering that *Captain Drummond*
„ knew *Vetches* diſhoneſty and bad deſigns concerning the company's effects , 'tis pretty
„ plain, that his leaving (as he ſays) the truſt
„ of all on board the *Caledonia* and *Unicorne*
„ to him , was very unfair dealing at *New-York* ,
„ and his accepting of any credentialls from
„ ſuch a perſon as *Vetch* , diſhonorabſe to himſelf except he could have kept his *Journall*
„ better from being diſcovered to the world.

„ 3. This ſeems not to have been done without
„ deſign, if it be further conſidered that *Captain Drummond* acknowledges, that he bought
„ ſome of the company's goods at *New York* ,
„ from *Vetch* , and he can eaſily be remembred,
„ that ere he told ought of that bargain , I had
„ ſeized ſome of the company's ſail-douk in his
„ huts which he ſaid was his own, and I could
„ not ſay to the contrary, till *Lieutenant Walter*
„ *Graham* , eſpyed on it , *Captain Gibſons*
„ ſeal and *Mark* being bought by him for the
„ company's account at *Amſterdam* , and then
„ *Captain Drummond* told me, he had bought
„ it, from *Captain Vetch* , by which (to put
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„the most favourable construction , on this
 „action) it is evident the trust was devolved
 „on *Vetch* whereof the absurdity is already re-
 „presented, or if *Captain Drummond* continued
 „in his own trust, he was both buyer and seller
 „of the company's goods , and so could not
 „miss good payment, the payer and receiver
 „being one , for I never saw any acknowled-
 „gement under *Vetches* hand of the selling or
 „receiving payment, though I have herewith
 „given in, an account signed by *Captain Drum-*
 „*mond*, whereby 'tis acknowledged he bought
 „goods to the value of l. 116: 17: 6. *New-*
 „*England* money, which cost the company a
 „great deale more *Sterling* money.

„ 4. *Captain Drummond* made a proposition,
 „as would appeare , by concert with *Vetch*
 „that there should be bills sent to *New-York*,
 „for l. 2000. *Sterling* , which summe, *Vetch*
 „would receive and buy provisions &c. with it,
 „to be sent to *Caledonia*, but though *Captain*
 „*Drummond*, thought that convenient yet we
 „of the councill thought fit to trust *Vetch* no
 „further, till he gave satisfaction concerning
 „preceedings, and what was done at the Ge-
 „nerall meetings of our *land* and *sea Captains*
 „as well as *Councillours*, in relation to this matter
 „is plain by the *Minutes* and *Journall* in the
 „*Secretary's* hands, and by my *Answers* to some
 „questions on that head , minuted befor the

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” *Court of Directors*, and I hope these shall give
 ” satisfaction, to all who shall be at the pains
 ” of perusing them, That the best expedients
 ” were fallen on, and duely prosecuted.

” 5. *Captain Drummond* said his design of
 ” returning to *Caledonia*, was to resettlement the
 ” Colony, and what things he brought with
 ” him (except some provisions) are contained
 ” in the inclosed list, and indeed he should
 ” not deny, that the *hatchers* &c. Were the
 ” worst sent with the first Colony, and such
 ” (as would appear) would not sell at *New-*
 ” *York*.

” 6. There could never any account be
 ” got what provisions, or other things were
 ” loaded on board the sloop, wherein *Captain*
 ” *Drummond* came from *New-York* to *Caledonia*,
 ” nor of what he sold at *S. Thomas*, only he
 ” said, he would give what he had, and we
 ” were not to ask questions.

” 7. Neither would he ever condescend on
 ” the number of men carried of, when the
 ” Colony deserted the settlement, nor give
 ” account what goods he loaded on board
 ” the Company's ships, albeit his journall
 ” maketh mention of himself, as the only
 ” Councillour in health the time of the de-
 ” sertion, and that he got the severall bills
 ” of loading signed, only he says things were
 ” equally divided, among the three big ships

„the *Caledonia*, *Unicorne* and *St. Andrew*, which
 „very acknowledgement goes very near to
 „the constituting of a charge.

„8. I shall only refer, to our journall and
 „letters sent home for an account of *Captain*
 „*Drummonds* behaviour in the Colony while
 „I was there, not doubting but what is said
 „doth sufficiently justify his imprisonment,
 „without mentioning the sedition, and mu-
 „tinies occasioned by him, whereof due notice
 „was taken by the councill, whereof I was
 „a member and at present the only living one.

9. There were some arms &c. disposed on
 by *Captain Drummond* which arms were sent
 „from on board the *Rising-sun* to *Captain Bal-*
 „*zie*, commander of the *Speedy return*, in
 „which he came from *Caledonia* to *Jamaica*,
 „and whereof *Balzie* can give the best account.
 „what *Captain Drummond* intromitted with of
 „*Mr. Daniel Mackay's* effects, I hope will
 „be enquired into by freinds concerned.

„10. On the Arrivall of *Leonard Robisons*
 „ship at *Jamaica*, albeit the brandy on board
 „could have been sold, to good account, and
 „thereby several unfrugall bargains prevented,
 „yet *Captain Drummond* would not allow his
 „cousin, (as he called him) *Mr. Mc Dougall*
 „to deliver it, towards the fitting out the
 „*Rising-sun* &c. for *Scotland*, yea when I de-
 „manded a sight of the Director's letters I was

„refused the same, and *Captain Vetch*, only
 „saw them in, but got them not out of
 „*Drummond* and *Mr. Mc Dougalls* hands, and
 „what was in them is more then I yet know,
 „so that a former Council being named, and
 „no mention made of me, and these letters
 „denied me on that very account, I thought,
 „as I yet think, that my meddling in any of
 „the company's busines would seem very im-
 „pertinent, beside if I had overlooked that
 „and meddled, I should have been at a loss
 „how to behave, never having seen the
 „instructions, contained in the letters
 „above mentioned, 'tis true there were two
 „tuns of brandy, delivered to *Captain Vetch*
 „on his receipt, which he put on board the
 „company's ships. And *Captain Drummond* on
 „his own receipt, got 2. or 3 hogsheads I know
 „not which, and for those I suppose he must
 „be accountable to the company.

„By what is said I have given account how
 „far *Captain Drummond*, is chargeable by the
 „company, and shewed that he is not less,
 „if not more liable then *Captain Samuel Vetch*
 „so that I am hopefull the court of *Directors*
 „will, pursuant to the executive power reposed
 „in them by the company, duely prosecute all
 „concerned, and not only endeavour the com-
 „pany's reimbursment, but also the punish-
 „ment of those, who are guilty of so manifest
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„breach of trust in such a publick and nationall
 „concern, and it will be worth the pains to
 „observe, that the assuming New Councel-
 „lours in *Caledonia*, sending *Mr. Mackay* to
 „*Scotland*, keeping the Companys goods un-
 „disposed on, for supplying the Colony, and
 „setting up a sutling house whereby to make
 „prey of the Officers, and other privat gent-
 „lemens stock, together with the fine reso-
 „lution, already mentioned, and the equiva-
 „lent of it afterwards practised, are all so much
 „of a kind, that none but the willfully igno-
 „rant, can say that the Companys affairs, have
 „been well mannaged by the Councill of the
 „first Colony, and in particular by *Captain Tho-
 „mas Drummond*.

This is the copy of the *Representation* I made,
 after receipt whereof, the *Court of Directors*
 thought fit that all the papers I had should be
 given them, they demanded the *Originall minuts*
 of the *Councill*. I offered them on condition, they
 would give me back the *Journall* I had al-
 ready given them after they were compared,
 and cause their Secretary attest the conformi-
 ty, or if they pleased to give me a copy attested
 by *publick Notaries* of the *Minuts*, they might
 keep both *them* and the *journall* and after
 long consultation among themselves, they ag-
 greed to my last offer, and told me, I should
 have *attested copies*, and accordingly I gave such

papers as I thought fit to keep copies of, to be attested by two *Notaries*. The *Directors* called for the papers ere they were copied, I told they were in the *Notaries* hands, what! say they have you given out our papers to *Notaries*? How else aid I should they be copied and attested by them. Thereafter I told them when the copies were finished, that I should caute the *Notary* deliver the *principalls*, on their *Secretaries* paying for them, they said they would not pay for the copies, to which I answered, that I would not then give them the *principalls*, and as to the truth of all this I appeale to the *Directors* themselvs.

On 18th. March they obtained from the *Lord Treasurer Deput*, without any shadow of reason a warrant directed to the *Magistrats* of *Edinburgh*, or either of them whereof the exact copy is as follows Viz.

By the Right Honourable Adam Cockburn of Ormistoun Lord Treasurer Deput, and one of his Majesties Right Honourable Privy Council.

„ **W** Hereas I have received a signed information, from the Court of Directors of the *Indian* and *African* Company presenting that *James Byres*, one of the per
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„ sons intrusted by them for Managing the af-
 „ fairs of their Colonie of *Caledonia*, does refuse
 „ to give up such papers as are in his custody,
 „ relating to the affairs of the said Company and
 „ Colony, you are therefor hereby ordered to
 „ seize and secure the person of the said *James*
 „ *Byres*, till he find sufficient caution, to an-
 „ swer to the complaints of the said Company,
 „ and in the meantime that you seize all his books
 „ and papers, and put them under seale untill
 „ further order, for doing whereof this shall
 „ be your Warrant, given under my hand at
 „ Edinburgh, the seventeenth day of March
 „ 1701.

Sic subr. Ad : Cockburn

Of this warrant I have *Robert Hamilton Clerk* of the *Toll-booth* his receipt.

On 18th. March *Balzie Black-wood*, one of the *Directors*, and a very angry one too, came with two of the *Towns Officers* to my chamber to execute this warrant. I sent for the *Notary Mr. David Balcanquall* writer to the signet, who had the papers copied as I have said, and by instruments taken in his hands, I offered him what papers I had, and his answer was that *I behoved to find surety, to answer what the Directors had to say against me*, I told him, *that was a thing I was not obliged to do*, and therefor I protested against

against the *Treasurer Deput*, *Court of Directors*,
Magistrats of Edinburgh and their *Officers*, and
the said *Ballie Black-wood*, executor of the
Warrant in particular, that they might be lyable
to the penalties contained in the *act of parliament*
made against wrongous imprisonment and
thereafter I was committed. All this past befor
Nine a clock in the morning, and in the fore-
noon, I wrote from the *Toll-booth*, the follow-
ing letter to the *Treasurer Deput*.

MY LORD.

„ I Am prisoner by your *Lops* order. The
„ causes exprest in the warrant are indefinite
„ Viz the delivering nameles papers, and an-
„ swering the demands of the Company not yet
„ made, as to the first, I offered *Ballie Black-*
„ wood, what papers I had, as I had frequent-
„ ly done to the *Court of Directors*, but with-
„ out finding Baile for answering the second
„ part of the signed information, that is, what
„ they shall be pleased to lay to my charge, there
„ was no remedy but going to prison and that
„ remedy is applyed. My papers are sealed
„ and put in *George Manson* periwig-makers
„ hands, and at seizing my person I protested for
„ damages, and *Remeed* of Law against wron-
„ gous imprisonment, which I shall have the
„ patience to expect.

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„I have a better notion of liberty then to
„think, passing from any naturall as well as na-
„tionall priviledge a lesse abridgement of it, then
„the imprisonment of my person and therefor
„I have chosen, of two evils the least.

„My Lord. All the reall difference 'twixt the
„Company and me in this matter is whether I,
„whom their service has made Miserable, or
„they who allowed me to keep Notoriall co-
„pies of the papers demanded, should pay for
„attesting them. This they make an Artificiall
„foundation, of their Malicious procedure, and
„how just it is, the world not I shall deter-
„mine.

„What I suffer now, is easie in respect of
„what I have undergon willingly, in the Com-
„panys service, so they are dilappointed, who
„think me flexible by such measures.

„What justice always obleided me to,
„now provocation concurs to do. If there
„for God spare my life and health, I
„shall endeavour, to put such things as I
„know in a clear light, and they who love
„darkness, may shun that and other lights if
„they can.

„I am truly of no faction in relation to the
„Companys affairs, and so I have the fate of
„a Mids-man, the ridding-stroke. My Lord, I
„mean neither offence nor compliment, but
„truth by this letter. So begging pardon for its
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at Edinburgh.

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prolixity I shall wait , (if your Lordship
pleases to Vouchsafe) an answer , and am.

MY LORD.

Your Loss most humble and most obedient
servant J. B.

ON receipt of this letter, which was not
till the afternoon , the *Treasurer Deput* ,
desired I should be brought to him in the *Trea-*
sury Room , and after some communing , which
I need not here mention , he told me that he
thought I met with hard measure , and desired
I should give Baile for *one Thousand merks* in the
terms of the *Act of Parliament* for compearing in
the *Proces* the company was to intent
against me which I condescended to , because
I was afraid , my own and wifes health
(for she was with me) should be impaired by
imprisonment. I went to the *Royall*
Coffehouse , and caused write a bond of *Cautiomy*
wherein *Mr. Byres* of *Cots* was Surety , that
I should compear under the pain of *one thou-*
sand merks , in the terms of the *Act of Par-*
liament . When the bond was read over , *Ballie*
Blackwood missed the clause (*by and attour per-*
formance) and notwithstanding all could be said
against the impertinence of these words
being in the bond , the *Ballie* thought it
a matter too weighty to be ended , without
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getting the opinion of a *Committee* of the *Directors*, then sitting in the *Company's house*, and therefor *Mr. Mackenzie* the company's Secretary who was with us in the *Coffe-house*, was sent to them to Consult, whether it was convenient to take a bond of *Cautionry* from the fore said *Byres* of *Cots* for presenting my person under the pain of *Marks 1000*. Without these words (*By and attour performance*,) that is whether he ought not to pay *1000. Marks* whether he presented me or not. on *Mr. Mackenzies* return, the *Ballies* doubt was solved, and the bond subscribed. *Ballie George Clerk* and *Andrew Ross*, as well as *Mr. Mackenzie* and *Mr. Byres* of *Cots* were present at this transaction.

I know not what should have provoked the *Treasurer Deput* to have granted such a warrant against me, whether zeal for the *Government* or the *Company*. Or as some said being long accustomed to commit persons upon the least application, he knew not how to take up himself, notwithstanding the late *Act of Parliament* made against such oppressions: For one under the power of an ill habit like one of a vicious temper yeilds to every tentation without considering the consequence.

I am hopefull my imprisonment shall in due time be found wrongous, for if a man be obliged to go to prison for not delivering of
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papers for which there is no *decreet* against him, yea whereof the names are not told him, I know not how any man, can be safe so long as he has a bit of paper in his house, yea so long as another has pen, ink and paper to write an *information*, that he refuses to give up some papers he would have. But it will perhaps be said the papers demanded were *Relative* to the affairs of the Company and Colony. I confess I had some papers by me very nearly related to these affairs viz. the *Act of Parliament* establishing the company, *printed minuts of their proceedings* &c. Their *receipts* to me for $37\frac{1}{2}$ of l. 900. Sterling interest, I had in the Capitall stock of the Company. Were these the papers they were seeking? Or was *Ballie Blackwood* their *Agent pro re nata*, to be judge of what papers should be given up, if so, he gave a demonstration of a very accurate judgement and ripe understanding, or at least of a cautious temper, in the business of the cautionry, already mentioned, and I could mention many other things managed with no less judgement or malice, but these are enough of the kind.

I waited the Directors motion till 24. August, in which time they might have got a resolution of their doubts from their committee of Lawyers whether a *criminall* or *civill process*, against me would do best, but albeit

I was in *Scotland* five Months, having come to *Edinburgh*, On 15. February, they could not find out what was to be said against me, more then I have mentioned. Only a little befor I embarked for *Rotterdam* there began old stories of my having l. 10000. l. 15000. or l. 20000. Sterling of the company's money, to get vent again: and one of the *Generall Councill John. Watson Junior*, was not wanting, (whether by *Dr. Momro* or *Dr. Dundases* information I know not) to speak loudly of my having cheated the company and enriched my self: but The Wiseman did not consider, that *Blew bonnets* and *Gray paper* are sticking commodities in *America*, and that a great deale of that sort go to the making up l. 1000. Scots not to say L. 20000. Sterling. The Natives knew not the use either of *bonnets* or *Bum-fodder*, and our own people had not money in that Abundance as to bestow it profusely on things which they wanted not. But say some, I sold the *Rising-sun*, I shall not wish they had been *Brokers* for they had certainly gone to the bargain except their body had been as light as their heads, and then they had been in more danger from wind then water.

However unaccountable malicious, and nonsensicall these things are in themselves, yet finding that a new storm of suggestions
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was threatned against the time I should be gone, and that it might also be added with as much ingenuity, that I had stollen away privately I went to the *Company's house*, when a *Comitee of the Directors* was sitting, and there 14 days ere I sailed from *Lieth* I called for one of their number viz: *John Jamison of Balmour*, and acquainted him with my Intentions of going abroad, desiring him to impart it to the other *Directors* that they might if they thought fit put a stop to me; and in one word I wished them to do their worst ere I parted: because afterwards I would take care of what concerned my own vindication. I remember his answer was, that they had prepared a report in relation to me to be laid before the *Council Generall*, but it not being yet approved I could not see it. What ever there was of this, I heard no more of the matter; neither publick nor private intimation was given me by any, to appear either before the *Directors* or *Council Generall* for answering any charge, tho I gave them sufficient provocation there to, by declaring openly in every company my resolutions, and challenging them to do all they could while I was present, and in a manner in their power, and not basely to make clamours after I was gone.

What was secretly in agitation amongst them I know not but I could wait no longer
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their slow procedures, without doing my self and my affairs great prejudice, and therefor I laid hold on the first favourable opportunity of wind and weather for sailing to *Holland*, whither I intended. I am of the opinion that the more honest party of them would not consent to any accusation or new trouble to me, seeing no manner of ground for it; and that the Knaves as I may call them thought they could gain their point better, when I was not on the place to contradict them, and to detect their malice and falshood.

You could not but be sensible how enraged the Nation was at the miscariage of *Darien* or *Caledonia*, and there was too much reason for it, for there was a great deale of mony laid out, and a great many lives lost in the cause, without producing any other effect then shame and reproach to the Country. The *Directors* who were in the first place answerable, were affraid of being mob'd or torn in pieces, and therefor they warmly threw the blame on the *English Government* or some or other that was out of the way, and amongst the rest they were instigated to endeavour to sacrifice me for saving themselves. But as sinistrous and indirect methods comonly recoil on the prejudice of those who use them, so these unjust attempts upon me, have only brought sooner to light the evill works which some
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hop'd to have covered in darkneſs. What advantage they now intend by my abſence or what meaſures they will take, or what new ſtorieſ they'll invent and ſpread I neither know nor care. I have manifeſted my innocency and integrity to all thoſe who are not conviction proof. I have the teſtimony of a good conſcience in this matter, and am furniſhed with ſo many externall evidences as render me capable to expoſe theſe enemies to the deriſion of the world. I deſie all the *Directors* and their Creatures to frame any thing to my prejudice which ſhall not bear its own as well as their condemnation. I did communicate to ſome perſons of honour ſome papers which if publiſhed would expoſe the *Court of Directors* and ſufficiently revenge their ill uſage of me, but I regard the credit and Intereſt of ſome particular perſons who yet have not very much obliged me, and do at preſent content my ſelf with my own juſt and neceſſary vindication, for he is an unworthy man that will not maintain his own reputation as far as he is able, as he is a baſe man who offers to ruine anothers without a juſt cauſe.

I heard ſome whiſpering of *Letters* pretended to be written by *Mr. Alexander Sheels* who I doubt not will be thought a man conſiſting with himſelf. I know the hiſtory of theſe *Letters*,

ters, and can give the *Directors* or others usefull cautions and instructions about them: But I forbear at present, till I see if any will adventure to publish them. the *Generall Councill* or the *Court of Directors* would do better not to mention or publish these *letters* untill they be well assured what are genuine lest they meet with an unpleasant and unexpected check.

To summe up all before I close, it is evident that I have not run away with any of the *Company's* or *Colony's* effects nor have I made my self rich with their spoiles, as some have done, but I am a considerable sufferer in this common calamity of our Country. Again I am nowise answerable for this last desertion of the *Colony*, for as it was really unavoidable in their circumstances being very ill provided of all necessaries, so I was not then with them and so cannot be said to have advised a surrendering, or to have discouraged a resistance, if they had been capable to make it. neither may it now be said that the *Colony* was weakned by the advice of sending away 500 men, for they were all still upon the place. its true the *Fort* was not made defensible, but more could not be done in so short a time, with so few proper materialls, and by men sickly and altogether unseasoned for that climate. Whether the first desertion can be accounted for, I leave to others; but there are too many strong reasons

reasons to justify the second. None could be more cordiall to the undertaking of the *Company* nor more forward for the settlement and interest of the *Colony* than I was from the beginning , but it was simply impossible for mortall men to effectuate the good first intended our Country , on the foot of the management of the *Court of Directors*, and by the measures taken by those they imployed and trusted. I confess I never much dreaded the *Spanjards* valour; and yet they were not to be frighted away with the sight of blew bonnets and gray paper.

I know this free language will gall some to the quick, and will provoke them to treat me as another *Harris* and to endeavour to represent me as a *Renegado* to my Country, one who sneakingly curries the favour of the *English* and has been brib'd to invent and publish what may divert people from the consideration of their unkind and unneighbourly treatment of us. If you shall hear any such thing, you may with all manner of confidence assert the contrary. I know neither *V--n* nor the *quondam M-----ue* nor any other their Creatures or Instruments, I am corrupted with neither their mony nor promises; I love the truth more than their favour; I never offered them materials for their scurrilous pen, nor did I desire them to write

books for me as *Harris* is said to have done. God knows I love my Country rather too well than too little, but I judge no man will say that love to ones Countrey obliges him to befriend all the Rogues of the Country or to justify their roguery and misdemeanours, especially when they tend to the publick detriment.

What ever I have said against the management of the *Court of Directors* and such as were employed by them, as I have said nothing but the truth, and can say a great deal more when put to it ; Yet this cannot at all excuse our *Neighbours* who hindred and intercepted the just and reasonable protection of our own King, denying us those things which common humanity commands to be given to savages and Barbarians, nay which is allowed every where to beasts, (for they are not deny'd water when their necessity requires it) and sending the hue & cry after us by publick proclamations, as if we had been *Runaways* from our Country, or common enemies to mankind, when we were only in the innocent pursuit of lawfull trade according to *Acts* and *privileges* agreed to by *King* and *Parliament*. This was not agreable to that fundamental law of Equity of *doing to others as you would be done to*. And sure his Majesty has been very much abused by the false representations of some evil men
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him, otherwise his gracious temper had never yielded to such hardships upon his *ancient Kingdom*, whom he had so lately delivered from the imminent danger of slavery and Popery, and for whose safety he had so often exposed his own sacred Person. It is not to be supposed that the King who studies the ease of all his good subjects would have retracted his own favourable Grants to the Scots, or hindered the prosecution of those *Acts* which he himself had so freely and chearfully consented to, unless he had been importuned by repeated and malicious suggestions. And when the *English Parliament* was enquiring in to the malversation of some of the *Ministers* of their Government, I wonder that they did not take notice of these Counsells given in reference to the *Scots Colony* at *Darien*, which gave great dissatisfaction to his Majestys Loving subjects in *Scotland*, raised great discontents and heart burnings there, and which have begun a suspicious ferment, that if not remedied in time may end fatally in a publick disturbance and misunderstanding betwixt the two nations, if not in a total rupture of their union. This in my poor judgement does and should touch *England* as nearly as the *Partition* of *Spain*. And who knows but that they both sprang from the same head, for when France was so cunning as to gain advisers to allow him to

finger the *Dominions* of *Spain*, it is not improbable but that he engaged the same persons to keep the *Scots* from settling too near them, which would have been a great prejudice to him in the present juncture, and any that could have seen an inch before their nose might have forseen.

To leave politick conjectures, and to return to *matters of fact*, if I was asked my opinion about the miscarriage of *Caledonia* whether it was to be imputed to the mismanagement of the *Court of Directors* or to these hard and unkind measures of the *English Government*, or rather of some *Particular Ministers There*, I would ingeniously declare that neither of them singly was the cause, but both of them *conjunctly* and *severally*, according to the stile of our common bonds & obligations. For if the *Court of Directors* had been all of them honest and wise, if they had understood their business well, followed prudent and proper measures, imployed skillfull and faithfull persons, if they had taken care that their mony was well laid out, the ships well provided with all necessarys, and the *Colony* furnished with mony, credit or usefull and vendible commoditys, then I say the *Colony* would have been abundantly supplied by the *Neighbouring Plantations*, notwithstanding of all the *Proclamations* and *Instructions* that were issued
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out; for it is well known that marchants and Traders will both export and import where there is a prospect of gain, without any regard to the *acts* and *laws* that forbid it. On the other hand if the *foresaid Proclamations* and *ether measures* had not prevented and preceeded the sailing of our ships, alarmed the *English* in these parts of the world and begot prejudices and jealousies in them, our people would have found all manner of welcome and good treatment from the *adjacent Plantations*, who would have readily assisted us every way, tho there had been some failures in the management of the *Directors* at home, and tho returns from them had not been so speedy and constant; for they would in some measure have excused it, as it might have been imputed to the want of experience and the emergent difficultys in the beginning of so important an Enterprize, which might be hop'd time would overcome. And therefore it may be very well said, that these *English* who advised the *foresaid Proclamations* and *measures* have been the joint authors and contrivers of this sad disaster which has befallen our Country, and which has been the ruin of many persons in it.

Before I conclude give me leave to remember you of the great many abuses committed, particularly by *Captain Thomas Drummond*, I desire not the *Councill Generall* to take my word

for it, let them take inspection of his *journal*, out of which I have quoted the designed voyage to *Amsterdam*, and there they may read with their own eyes, how honestly and wisely their affairs were carried on. I would have the *Adventurers* of the *joint stock* to consider how well they are treated, when such men as are known to be Underminers of the *Company's* interest, and to have built themselves on the *Company's* ruin, are not only left untried, but of new again employed: and any who endeavoured to do the *Company* right, on that very account maltreated. If *Roguary* can be proved against any employed by the *Directors* after sufficient warning given them, I think the *Directors* are bound in conscience to make good to the *Adventurers* the losses which they sustained by such men. It is in my judgement the interest of the *Adventurers* to Enquire into the management of the *Colony's* effects at *New-York*, whether they were brought home in the *Caledonia* and whither now sent out again. All concerned ought to know these matters, and honest managers ought to make them plain. I could almost venture on prophesying that the two small ships and the goods on board them shall be given out as lost or taken: and this is my reason, because if the goods brought from *New-York* be compared with those contained
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at Edinburgh.

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in the first *Invoice* they'll be found to be only a small part of two thirds of the whole, as I have shewed, and by this inquiry the *Adventurers* may come to be informed, of their affairs.

When the *Directors* were listing their Officers, *Captain Thomas Drummond* was thought a man unfitt for their service, because of his behaviour at *Glenco*, how they got over that I know not, but I would fain know how he is so much in favour now with the *Directors* after his misdemeanours are so evident; and also why he never was brought to a tryall, but sent out on some new project: for he has finished the old one. I hope the *Adventurers* and *Councill Generall* will take this some time or other into their consideration, and one would think that the *Court of Directors* should find themselves obliged to give some account of their management for satisfying all the *Adventurers* and also their Country that things have been impartially carried on.

It only remains that I should apologize for the trouble of this *long letter*, but if length be the only fault it has, my closing it, is the best amends, at least it hinders my guilt from encreasing. I am

SIR

Your very humble servant.

J. B.

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A List

A List of the Dead to the 23. Decemb.

On Board the Rising sun.

- Octob. 7. William Boyle, Voluntier.
 Hugh Scot, Sailer.
 Wil: Skinner, Sailer:
 8. Dan: Shaw, Voluntier.
 Dan: Mc. Kenzie, Planter.
 William Galloway, Sailer.
 10. John. Broun, Planter.
 Pat: Smith Surgeons, mate.
 11. Jean Jefferay a Child.
 16. William Strachan, Planter.
 19. George Hay, Voluntier,
 David Hay, Voluntier.
 24. Samuel Ried, Sailer.
 25. John. Holland, Voluntier.
 John. Hay, Ensign.
 David Humè, Voluntier.
 26. Alexander Grinton, Sailer.
 Mr. John. Edward, Voluntier.
 27. Alexander Hamilton, Voluntier.
 Alexander Ireland, sub. Assistant.
 Pat: Bruce, Voluntier.
 28. Pat: Ramsay Captain.
 30. Mr. George Abernethie, Vol.
 Hugh Mc. cloud, Ensign.
 William Currie, Voluntier.
 James Findlay, Ensign.
- Novr. 1. John. Wallace, Captain.
 2. John.

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2. John. Gordon, Voluntier.
3. Wiliam Gilchrist, Sailer.
4. Roderick Mckenzie, Ensign.
5. Thomas Glassells, Voluntier.
7. Sr. John. Stewart, Voluntier.
George Honnyman Sailer.
Robert Grame, Sailer.
8. Christopher Strang, Sailer.
11. James Angus, Voluntier.
Thomas Gibson, Sailer.
12. John. Gibson, Planter.
13. James Cleland, Sailer.
14. Charles Learmont, Ensign.
15. Thomas Riddell mate.
Alexander Hunter, Sailer.
16. Mr. John Dallas, Voluntier.
George Gray, mate.
17. Mrs. Johnston.
18. Helen Hunter a child.
Donald Niven, Planter.
James Patton, Lieutenant.
19. Robert Johnston, Voluntier.
Patrick Proudie, Carpenter.
23. William Arsken, Lieutenant.
Hugh Mc. Gomrie, Ensign.
29. Robert Alston, Voluntier.
Decemr. Mr. Andrew Stewart, Capt.
- * 7. Adam Gudie, Sailer.
John. Simple, Subassistant.

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Novr.

2. John. Broun, Voluntier.
14. James Bower, Stewart.
28. James Taylor, Sailer.

On board the Duke of Hamilton.

Septem.

Octobr.

29. Alexander Kinnaird, Ensigne.
1. Pat: Thonson, Planter.
2. John. Flemming, Voluntier.
6. Thomas Skinner, Sailer.
7. John. Finnie, Planter.
10. John. Thomson, Voluntier.
14. Thomas Gormeston, Planter.
16. Francis McGill, Planter.
17. David Graham, Planter.
18. Andrew Nimmo, Planter.
19. John. Morton, Voluntier.
20. Robert Planter.
- John. Kerr, Ditto.
21. Thomas Gardner, Ditto.
23. David Waddell, Carpenter.
25. James Gardner, Sailer.
- William Arnot. Comp. Stewart.
26. James Tait, Volunter.
- William Bethon, Ditto.
28. John. Campbel, Planter.
- Novr. 31. William Robertson, Voluntier.
1. James Carshoars, Voluntier.
- George Dumber, Voluntier.
2. Arch: Campble, Chir.
9. Eliz. Patton, Ministers servant.

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10. Mr. Patrick Young, Voluntier.
Colin Bain, Voluntier.
David McCulloch, Ensign.
14. Wm. Findlayson, Planter.
15. John. Darlieth, ship Cooper.
16. Duncan Bain, Voluntier.
17. Mr. Pat: Dalglish, Minister.
19. James Gouan.
Robert Sterling Lieut.
20. John Brown.
22. James Moutray, Ensign.
Alexander Ramsay, Ensign.
Alexander Beaty, Planter.
28. William Dumbar, Voluntier.

On board the Hope of Borou- stonefs.

- Sept. 2. Alexander Simm, Planter.
4. Robert Marishall, Planter.
Robert Scot, Planter.
15. Robert Stillie, Planter.
16. Alexander Gibbie, Planter.
17. William Rob, Planter.
21. Alexander Montgomrie, Voluntier.
22. David Oglivie, Planter.
Arthur Duncan, Planter.
27. Hugh Wilson, Planter.
30. Thomas Herd, Planter.
- Octobr. James Mitchel, Sailer.
Rich: Lieshman, Sailer.

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2. Mr. John Elliot, Volontier.
Patrick Sanders, Planter.
3. James Grammon, Planter.
Daniel Mc. Loud, Planter.
4. Angus Campble, Planter.
6. John Linning, Planter.
8. Alexander Singllie, Planter.
James Aikenhead, Sailer
9. James Bouden, Stewart
Alexander Frazer, Planter.
Malkom Buchanan, Planter.
Thomas Grham, Volontier.
10. John Jackson, Planter.
Thomas Brimshiells, Planter.
14. Samuel Johnston, Volontier.
Mark Broun, Planter.
16. John Allan, Planter.
Hugh Mackay, Planter.
John Ferguson, Planter.
Alexander Rols, Ensign.
19. Andrew Dunneil, Planter.
James Anderson, Planter.
20. James Blair, Planter.
22. Andrew Murray, sailer.
24. Thomas Campble, Ensign.
John Monroe, Planter.
25. Adam Cunningham, Planter.
26. James Machentosh, Planter.
28. James Gallo way, Planter.
31. William Patton, Sailer.

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- Novem. Patrick Jamesone, Planter.
 3. James Montgomrie, Captain.
 4. The Laird of Dunlop Volontier.
 Alexander Richie, Sailer.
 10. John Fergusone, Planter.
 John Knock, Planter.
 13. Thomas Stevenson, Planter.
 15. John Borrowman, Planter.
 23. James Paterfon, Planter.
 26. Thomas Wright, Planter.
 Arthur, Singllie, Planter.
 George Hunter, Planter.
 Decem. 8. Patrick Robertfon, Planter.
 23. Alex^r. Sterling Lieut.

List of those who died in Fort S. Andrew.

- Decem. 24. Wiliam Steven, Planter.
 John Wast, Planter.
 David Colvill, Volontier.
 Lauchlan Smith, Planter.
 26. Daniel Mc. Greger, Sailer.
 27. Mr. John Main, Volontier.
 28. Alexander Smith, Planter.
 1700. 1. Samuuell Fullerton, Volontier.
 January. Laurence Olyphant, Planter.
 3. George Angus, Planter.
 4. Alexander Waillie, Planter.
 Walter Lummmond, Lieut.

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11. William Wilfone, Planter,
Duncan Mc.intosh Planter.
 13. Anthony Weaver, Planter.
 14. John Young, Planter.
James Dalrymple, Planter.
 17. James Mc. Lellan, Planter.
 22. Patrick Innes, Voluntier.
 24. James Fleming, Planter.
Thomas Stirling, Planter.
 25. James Porteous, Planter.
Donald Nice, Planter.
Robert Anderson, Planter.
 27. John Fraill, Planter.
 29. John Alifone, Planter.
 30. James Clerk, Planter.
James Broun, Planter.
James Herriot, Planter.
 31. Patrick Forbes, Planter.
- February 2. George Ried Sergeant.
David Findlayson, Planter.
William Mc.intosh, Voluntier.
3. George Cadowhead, Planter.
William Sinclair, Stewart Deput.
 4. William Mercier, Planter.
James Parrie, Planter.
James Forrest Planter.
William Anderson, Planter.
 5. John Jameson, Serjant.
Donald, --- Planter.
John, --- Planter.

6. Robert Gordon, Planter.
Andrew Troup, Planter.
John Stewart, Planter.
Robert Scot, Sailer.

Port-Royall 29. Febr. 1699.
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RIGHT HONOURABLE.

WAnting the List of the Sick, the best way of knowing the Colonies circumstances, is to consider the above list of the Dead according to the severall days, only taking this along with you that the mortality dayly encreaseth, to which the want of Liquors doth not a litle contribute.

Signed James Byres.

Captain Drummonds Propofall

To the Right honourable the Councill of Caledonia.

WHereas I am sensible that the one half of the men that is come from *Scotland* is to be sent to *Jamaica*. I therefore desire that you would allow 150 that will be willing to take their fate with me; you allowing them three weeks provisions which condescended on to
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carry **them** off, likewise allowing them arms and ammunition, and they shall not be burthen some to the Colony, till it is in a condition to maintain them. The reason of my pressing this now, is because I'm invited by severall *Captains of Indians*, that will raise their men and undertake that which may be advantageous not only to the party, but for the relief of what *Prisoners the Spaniards* have of ours. And if you'll grant my desire, you would condescend on it speedily, and give orders for receiving what was brought in the floope and so doing you'll oblige Right Honble. &c.

Signed Thomas Drummond.

A Copy of a Letter sent to William Paterson

SIR

London, Aug. 10 1699.

BY the last post I writ to you concerning Mr. Spensho which I hope will be sufficient for that particular. Now I am positively informed of the truth of the following news which for the Lords sake do not delay one moment to acquaint the *Company* of, by reason that any loss of time may be fatal, and destroy (which God forbid) the whole design of the *Company*, I have advised you by your Friend that the publick news from *Cadiz* was that the *Spaniards* would

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attack *Caledonia* as soon as the Flota had landed their Goods at *Sic. Cruze'*; which now proves otherwise and only given out to amuse you to delay your succours: The true and secret intent is, that they will fall on a suddain with all their might and strength, upon our people at *Caledonia* to destroy them at once, in order thereto they have equipt at *Cadiz* six ships and ten Tenders with pretext that they are for the Flota; that is, three are Galeons, and three French *St. Malo* ships of fifty guns each, which they have bought at a very dear rate to my certain knowledge, and believe have set sail by this time: besides they have sent an express about two months since to *Carthagera* with orders from the King to the Vice-Roy of *Mexico* to come down with all the Force he is able to make, as also to the Governour of *Carthagera* to send for the *Armaddillo de Borlaveno* to be ready to joyn the three ships that went from *Cadiz* about last March, and to have all ready against the Arrival of the six ships above said, and then to go without the least delay, and all the secrecy to attack *Caledonia*: and that the Galeons will not sail from *Cadiz* before the news comes that the Scots in the *West-Indies* be quite routed and destroyed.

Now my dear Friend I beseech you for the honour of the omnipotent God of *Israël*

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that you do not lose one moment to acquaint the Company of this, and beg of them from me that they immediately send the ships away with all expedition, and that no occasion of what importance soever be considered to stop them a moment, as being afraid they should come too late. I assure you that since yesterday when I knew this certain news I am in the greatest consternation and affliction I ever was in, and shall not rest untill I hear your ships be arrived at *Caledonia* before the *Spanjards*, wherefor my dear Friend again I beg of you to contribute all your might towards the hasty dispatch of the ships and in so doing you will oblige me for ever, this is all at present, only my most humble Prayers are to the great God of Hosts, that he will protect and defend our brethren of *Caledonia*,
Remaining

SIR

*Your faithfull friend and
humble servant.*

J. C. d'A.

Mr.

Mr. Paterſon.

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Above is the exact Copy of a Letter, which I had two days ago from our honest Friend Mr. d'A he and honest H. F. are the only Merchants in England with whom I correspond with any thing like freedom; as having, upon tryal of severals, found them the most solidly stanch to our Company's interest of any that I know there. Some others, that you know very well, are much more open Pretenders to mighty services, wishes &c. but to my certain knowledge they are rotten at the heart; and as I am commonly pretty open in my Characters, I think my self bound in justice to you and duty to the Company to let you know that our old Friend F. C. is unaccountably officious about all matters of intelligence that relates to the Company or Colony; he has at his own hand intercepted and broke open many Letters from the Colony and dispersed copies of them before they were transmitted hither; he gives himself out at London to many persons as if he were a Director still, to the end that under that pretence People may open

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him,

him, and others put confidence in what comes from him. Your last to me of the third of May was sent to me open under cover from *Stewart and Campbell*, they gave a Copy of it to *D. H.*; and He was extremely angry at them for breaking it open, and gave account thereof in writing to the *M. of T. and L. B. H.* I wrote to your *Councill* with a great deal of freedom by the first *Brigantin* that miscarried, as also by *Captain Jameson and Stark*. But I find the Politicks of the Court has now a quite contrary byass from what I then wrote. For to tell you plainly the *Court* is so mad, that all the ill humour of the *Spanjards* is egg'd on by them. And notwithstanding of their sham calling up some of our *Ministers* in April last, about the affairs of the *Colony*, (as believing that they'd comply througly with the designs of the *Court*, would truckle for the sake of their places, and would indeed be so ignorant of what was to be agitated,) orders were sent above two months before to all the *Governours* of the *English Plantations* to proclaim the illegality of your settlement, &c. but our *Ministers* going upon the same mistake, as I did in my former *Letter* to your *Councill*; namely that they were to be made use of as a Check upon the *House of Commons* who carries all things before them against the *Court*; our *Ministers* thought

thought they had a fine game to play, by seeming to be stout Patriots, and at the same time doing good service to the King; and so went fully instructed from this, with all the accounts that we could give them from this, or that G. (as Deputee for the company) and our other Friends at London could give them there, where upon the Memorials sent by the Committee were drawn by the President of our session, having got special help from Mr. F. late Attorney Genl: of B. an Ingenious Gentleman and true Friend to the Company &c. You should write to D. H. our chief and unalterable Champion beyond Berwick, to S., and to H. F. as also to the secret Committee here, who I must say have kept us from breaking to pieces, and sinking a hundred times since you went away. Mr. H. has behaved with admirable discretion and well deserves any trust you can give him, I have told him my mind freely and you may rely on what he'll tell you. ————

I am very impatient to see Mr Mackay, he was at Rhod Island the 8th. of June last, but have since heard nothing

of him. I shall be very sorry if he has no better business home than to address any *K.* in *Christendom*: — — — — —

Your old Friends over the left shoulder are irreconcilably so ; but the body of the nation are your Friends. I have not freedom to write with so much freedom now as I use to do, nor indeed have I time to put my thoughts in order. I send you inclosed the *Copy* of a *letter* sent by *W. M.* to *G.* who disdains to return an answer. For my part it seems a Mystery to me still what your *Council* writes concerning a design &c. I was of the opinion that there were not two honefter men of their rank in your fleet than they ; but I suspend my thoughts till we hear further , they tell very many specious stories at *London*. Most people think that the humours of *Williamite* and *Jacobite* raised differences amongst you ; if so, 't is no wonder if you miscarry. What in the name of wonder has any of you to do with either the one or the other. — — — — —

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my part', I shall say it, the Devil be at his heart who'l trouble his own head or disturb or perplex your *Colonies* interest with any such thing

I shall not at this time write to any in the *Colony* but a short line to my brother; The reason none of them write to me; I wish they wrote as little to every body else, and that would save me much trouble and themselves much censure, and the *Company* a great deal of hurt sustain'd by more particular accounts to particular persons than ever was written to them in the management. My humble service to such as please to enquire for me, and I am unalterably

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Your most faithfull Friend &
humble servant

R. M.

On board the Rising-sun.

Mr. H. R.

18. Augt. 1699.

SIR.

I Had a short line from you by Mr. H. who has indeed acquit himself with a great deal of discretion and integrity with relation to the Interest of the Company and Colony, since his arrival here. I had none other from you since you parted from *Scotland*, nor indeed (I may say) from any body else but two short lines from *Mr. Paterson* and one from my brother : But how Reservedly soever people may write either to the Company in General or to their particular acquaintances, who are not concerned in the management, I venture to say that it were for the Colony's Interest that I knew matters as they are nakedly transacted, because I have a greater opportunity than any body else to communicate so much thereof as may be thought proper to those that can, and are most inclinable to remedy any thing that is amiss ; there is much in timeing and seasoning of things; and men are so changeable in their sentiments and affection, that its hard to guess at who are your real Friends and who are otherways at this distance. And therefore it were still more advisable to write particular advices either to the
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secret Committee or to me, and to write fair
Generals to the *Court of Directors*, because it is
not to be supposed but that in such a number
there must be some who are either weak;
giddy-headed, inconstant, talkative, or perhaps
worse; and when matters are carrying on here
at any time for your support, one ill-disposed
person will do more harm than ten can do
good: the secret Committee has been at much
care and toil to bring matters tolerably about;
they have frequent advices from private Cor-
respondents in London (I mean about the
Court) as also from *France, Spain and Hol-
land*, and they are pleased to make me a little
Tool in contriving their manner of correspon-
ding; the *Court of Directors* know nothing at
all of the matter, nor indeed is it fit that they
should, any more than what upon due delibe-
ration is thought fit to be communicated to
them; for they have not that firmness of Re-
solution that I could wish. I am sorry to
hear so much from all hands of divisions among
you, and shall be glad to hear that those
breaches are healed: I hope that upon the ar-
rival of this Recruit, your Council will find
other sort of work for them than to be pin'd up
in that little neck of ground which you now
possess. The *Spanjards* have sufficiently provoked
your patience; And unless the Council think
fit to prevent them by alarms and beating up
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their quarters and taking Reprisals from them; they'l gather all their Force together and endeavour to rout you all at once. There are six frigots and ten Tenders going from *old Spain* against you, and all the Force of *Mexico* and *Peru* are to be in readiness against their arrival. 'Tis expected that you should be very liberal of your Commissions to such as may be ready to joyn with you. If you defeat their first effort, the day is your own, and you need not fear to be further insulted; but no time must be lost; you must all lay aside jars and humours; and be like as many burs sticking together. You must not speak of this to any except such of the Council as you think fitt. The Directors have forgot in their letter (which was indeed a great omission) to advise concerning thirty six leather guns that My-Lord E. presented to the Company for the Colony's use, its indeed a generous and noble present; worthy of the noble and generous youth that made it; he has l. 2000. Sterlings in the stock and is a mighty Champion for you.

wherefore I must say, any that entertains

tertain the least thoughts or humour of *Jacobite* and *Williamite* ought not to breath among you. The Council I hope will write a handsome Compliment to *My Lord E.* for his guns: if you write that they are very usefull, he has twice as many more, and will not grudge to give them all. Tho' the Directors letters mentions the lists to be inclosed, they are not, for the Officers are chopping and changing so often that they carry them open along with them. Another thing was forgotten to advise your Council, that *Maj. Lindsay* is to have two hundred and fifty pounds Sterling yearly fallary payable out of the first and readiest effects of the Company that arises from the Colony. *James Jaffray* is a pretty young fellow and writes correct and good English, *Hugh Richardson* is also a pretty young fellow, as I am in hatt.

Yours &c. R. M.

These Letters are exactly copied from the Originals which are still to be seen. The Gentleman that writ them, will not take it ill I hope, that there is some thing left out in three or four places.

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I have been thinking of you
 and of the many things you
 have done for me. I hope you
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